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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 67.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 9TH DECEMBER, 1913.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ADELAIDE ELECTORAL DIVISION.—ISSUE OF WRIT.—Mr. Speaker announced to the House that he had yesterday issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Adelaide, in the State of South Australia, in the place of the Honorable Ernest Alfred Roberts, deceased. The dates appointed in the Writ were as follow :—
Date of Nomination—Wednesday, 24th December, 1913.
Date of Polling—Saturday, 10th January, 1914.
Return of Writ—On or before Saturday, 7th February, 1914.

3. PRINTING COMMITTEE—SECOND REPORT FROM.—Mr. McWilliams, Chairman, brought up the Second Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate).

The Report was read by the Clerk, and is as follows :—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have met in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the undermentioned Papers presented to Parliament, make the following recommendations :—

Subject of Paper.	Recommendation of Committee.	Remarks.
Papers— Audit Act— Transfers—Financial Year 1913-14— Dated 3rd December, 1913	No recommenda- tion	
Treasury Regulation—Statutory Rules 1913, No. 275	„ „	Already in print and cir- culated to Members
Commonwealth Bank Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1913, No. 140	„ „	„ „
Customs Act—Proclamation prohibiting exportation of aboriginal anthropological specimens	„ „	Published in <i>Gazette</i>
†Defence—Henderson Naval Base, Cockburn Sound— Report by J. F. Ramsbotham	„ „	
Defence Act— Conduct and Management of Factories, &c.—Statutory Rules 1913, No. 296	„ „	Already in print and cir- culated to Members
Military College—Statutory Rules 1913, Nos. 248, 249, 253, 283	„ „	„ „

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REPORT—continued.

Subject of Paper.	Recommendation of Committee.	Remarks.
<i>Papers—continued.</i>		
<i>Defence Act—continued.</i>		
<i>Military Forces—</i>		
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1913, Nos. 246, 251, 252, 266, 269, 270, 273	No recommenda- tion	Already in print and cir- culated to Members
Financial and Allowance Regulations—Statutory Rules 1913, Nos. 244, 257, 264, 265, 271, 272, 280, 292, 294	" "	" "
Universal Training—Statutory Rules 1913, Nos. 245, 267, 268, 282, 293, 295	" "	" "
<i>*Elections, General (1913)—</i>		
Number of Contested Elections, &c.—Return	" "	" "
Votes recorded, &c.—Return	To be printed	
†Elections and Referendums, 1913—Memorandum by Chief Electoral Officer <i>re</i> Enrolment, Absent Voting, &c.	" "	
†Electoral Rolls—Memorandum by Chief Electoral Officer <i>re</i> objections by political organizations, &c.	No recommenda- tion	
Electoral Act and Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1913, No. 277	" "	Already in print and cir- culated to Members
<i>*Federal Capital City—Agreement between the Minister for Home Affairs and Mr. W. B. Griffin</i>		
Foods and Drugs—Uniform Standards—Report of Second Conference (June, 1913)	To be printed	
High Court Procedure Act and Judiciary Act—Rule of Court—Statutory Rules 1913, No. 254	No recommenda- tion	Already in print and cir- culated to Members
Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta Railway Act—Rate for Wool from Euro Bluff to Port Augusta	" "	
†Lady Bowen Hospital (Brisbane) and Maternity Allowances—Correspondence <i>re</i>	" "	
<i>Lands Acquisition Act—</i>		
Lands acquired under, at—Bayswater, Boomi, Bulli, Burnie, Canberra, Cunderdin, Drouin, East Perth, Goorooyarroo, Hammond Island, Kalgoorlie, Lithgow, Melbourne, Mullally, Pialligo, Port Augusta, Tailem Bend, Toowoomba, Tuggeranong, South Brisbane	" "	Published in <i>Gazette</i>
Land Tax Assessment Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1913, No. 276	" "	Already in print and cir- culated to Members
†Meteorological Bureau at Cairns—Memorandum <i>re</i> proposed establishment	" "	
<i>*Naval Bases—Correspondence with reference to the engagement of Sir Maurice Fitzmaurice</i>		
Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1913, Nos. 250, 281	" "	Already in print and cir- culated to Members
Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1913, Nos. 218, 219, 220, 221, 223, 224, 225, 229, 230, 242, 247, 255, 258	" "	" "
<i>Public Service Act—</i>		
List of Permanent Officers, as on 30th June, 1913	" "	Published in <i>Gazette</i>
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1913, Nos. 256, 261	" "	Already in print and cir- culated to Members
Recommendations, &c., in cases of Appointments, Promotions, &c., of L. J. Bolger, A. C. Brown, H. G. Brain, H. C. Burnet, A. J. Christie, C. L. Clarke, E. D. Gilchrist, W. S. Goudie, L. H. Haslem, F. I. Hansen, W. Herbert, W. J. Holahan, F. W. Hood, H. A. Jackson, G. Lobsey, T. R. Macnee, H. J. Manderson, H. Martin, L. V. Miller, P. R. O'Leary, I. V. H. O'Loughlin, T. Pittman, J. F. Ramsbotham, I. A. Ridgway, J. J. Richards, N. L. Shiels, R. A. Shortland, J. Smith, A. W. Stephen, J. E. Stewart, J. D. Thomson, V. F. Turner, C. S. Vautin, E. M. Vere, D. J. Wilkie, C. T. Young, B. H. R. Ziggel	" "	

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REPORT—continued.

Subject of Paper.	Recommendation of Committee.	Remarks.
<i>Papers—continued.</i>		
†Railway Track Former—Particulars <i>re</i> the "Castles" machine used on Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta line	To be printed	
Railways—		
†Staff employed in Commonwealth Railways at 30th September, 1913	" "	
Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta Railway—		
†Western Australian Section—Report by Engineer-in-Chief <i>re</i> Water Supply	" "	
*Contract price for supply of sleepers	" "	
Seamen's Compensation Act—Statutory Rules 1913, No. 279	No recommendation	Already in print and circulated to Members
†Small-pox Epidemic in Sydney—Further letter, dated 30th September, 1913, from Premier of New South Wales to Prime Minister	To be printed	
*Sugar Industry—Royal Commission—Minutes of Evidence, &c.	" "	
*Tasmanian Timber purchased by Commonwealth Government	" "	
Telegraphs and Telephones Special Works Account Act—Transfers—		
Dated 24th September, 1913	No recommendation	
Dated 12th November, 1913	" "	
Trade Marks Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1913, No. 260	" "	Already in print and circulated to Members
Wireless Telegraphy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1913, Nos. 222, 263	" "	" "
Wood Pulp and Rock Phosphate Bounties Act—Statutory Rules 1913, No. 278	" "	" "

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Committee Room,
9th December, 1913.

W. J. MCWILLIAMS,
Chairman.

Mr. McWilliams moved, by leave, That the Report be adopted.
Question—put and passed.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—PINE CREEK TO KATHERINE RIVER RAILWAY BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

DENMAN,
Governor-General.

Message No. 25.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill to provide for the Construction of a Railway in the Northern Territory from Pine Creek to the Katherine River, the Appointment of Officers, the Making of Charges, and the expenditure of Money in connexion with such Railway.

Melbourne, 9th December, 1913.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the House be an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—LOAN BILL (1913).—Mr. Speaker announced the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for the raising and expending of the sum of Three million and a half pounds for the purposes of the Loan Bill, to which it has agreed with the amendments including an amendment in the Title, in which amendments the House of Representatives.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 5th December, 1913.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message be an Order of the Day after Order.

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6. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Prime Minister's Department—

Public Service Act—Promotion of D. B. Wheeler as Clerk, 4th Class, Auditor-General's Office, Central Staff.

Department of the Treasury—

Telegraphs and Telephones Spécial Works Account Act—Transfers of amounts approved by His Excellency the Governor-General in Council (dated 3rd December, 1913).

Attorney-General's Department—

Patents Act—Regulations Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1913, No. 300.

Department of Home Affairs—

Public Service Act—Appointments of F. L. Hatfield, A. A. Andrews, L. Edwards, as Draughtsmen, Professional Division, Class E., Lands and Surveys Branch, Federal Territory.

7. AUSTRALIAN NOTES BILL (1913).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—
Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Fisher addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (TRADE AND COMMERCE) BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 14.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to alter Paragraph (i.) of Section Fifty-one of the Constitution,*" and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 9th December, 1913.

9. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (TRADE AND COMMERCE) BILL.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (CORPORATIONS) BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 15.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to alter Paragraph (xx.) of Section Fifty-one of the Constitution,*" and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 9th December, 1913.

11. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (CORPORATIONS) BILL.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

12. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (TRUSTS) BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 16.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to alter the Constitution by empowering the Parliament to make Laws with respect to Trusts, Combinations, and Monopolies,*" and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 9th December, 1913.

13. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (TRUSTS) BILL.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

14. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (INDUSTRIAL MATTERS) BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 17.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to alter Paragraph (xxxv.) of Section Fifty-one of the Constitution,*" and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 9th December, 1913.

15. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (INDUSTRIAL MATTERS) BILL.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

This Bill is to be made a part of the Bill No. 13.

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16. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (RAILWAY DISPUTES) BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 18.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to alter the Constitution by empowering the Parliament to make Laws with respect to Industrial Disputes in relation to Employment in State Railway Services,*" and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 9th December, 1913.

17. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (RAILWAY DISPUTES) BILL.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

18. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (NATIONALIZATION OF MONOPOLIES) BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 19.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to alter the Constitution by empowering the Parliament to make Laws with respect to Industries and Businesses declared to be the subject of a Monopoly,*" and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 9th December, 1913.

19. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (NATIONALIZATION OF MONOPOLIES) BILL.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

20. LOAN BILL (1913).—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendments made by the Senate in this Bill—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendments, which are as follow :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

No. 1.—Page 1, Title, leave out "Three million and eighty thousand", insert "Two million three hundred and eighty thousand".

No. 2.—Page 1, clause 2, lines 7 and 8, leave out "Three million and eighty thousand", insert "Two million three hundred and eighty thousand".

No. 3.—Page 2, Schedule, Item No. 2, leave out this item.

No. 4.—Page 2, Schedule, Item No. 5, leave out this item.

(And make necessary alteration in total of Schedule.)

Amendments Nos. 1 and 2 postponed.

Amendment No. 3 disagreed to, on the motion of Sir John Forrest, after debate.

Sir John Forrest moved, That Amendment No. 4 be disagreed to.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 31.

Noes, 25.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. Kelly
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Kendell
Mr. James Bennett	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Boyd	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Chapman	Mr. Orchard
Mr. Conroy	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Falkiner	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Sampson
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Bruce Smith
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Stumm
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Wynne
Mr. Greene	
Mr. Gregory	
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Hans Irvine	Mr. Patten
Mr. W. H. Irvine	Mr. John Thomson

Tellers:

Mr. Anstey	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Page
Mr. Arthur	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Riley
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Sharpe
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Spence
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Fisher	Mr. West
Mr. Hannan	
Mr. Jensen	
Mr. W. Maloney	
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Watkins

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Amendments Nos. 1 and 2 disagreed to, on the motion of Sir John Forrest.
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Fowler reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir John Forrest, the House adopted the Report.

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Sir John Forrest moved, That Mr. W. H. Irvine, Mr. Groom, and the Mover be appointed a Committee to draw up Reasons for the House of Representatives disagreeing to the Amendments. Question—put and passed.

Sir John Forrest, on behalf of the Committee, brought up such Reasons which were read and are as follow :—

Reasons of the House of Representatives for Disagreeing to the Amendments of the Senate.

As to Amendment No. 3—

Item 2—That it is essential for the development of the Northern Territory that the railway from Port Darwin to Pine Creek should, as soon as practicable, be continued from Pine Creek to the Katherine River and southwards, and that it is not practicable to provide the money for the construction of such lines out of revenue.

As to Amendment No. 4—

Item 5—That the payment for land purchased for any public purpose falls essentially within the domain of capital expenditure, and not of current expenditure, and that the amount in this item is necessary to meet commitments already entered into, and that it is impracticable to provide for the same out of revenue.

Sir John Forrest moved, That the Committee's Reasons be adopted.

Mr. Fisher moved an amendment, That the word "impracticable" in the second last line of the Reasons be omitted.

Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. Kelly
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Kendell
Mr. James Bennett	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Boyd	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Chapman	Mr. Orchard
Mr. Conroy	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Patten
Mr. Falkiner	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Rodgers
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Sampson
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Bruce Smith
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Stumm
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Wynne
Mr. Gregory	
Mr. Groom	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hans Irvine	Mr. Greene
Mr. W. H. Irvine	Mr. John Thomson

Noes, 24.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Archibald	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Arthur	Mr. Sharpe
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Spence
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Fisher	Mr. West
Mr. Hannan	
Mr. Jensen	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Page
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Riley

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Committee's Reasons be adopted—put and passed.

21. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-one minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Ahern, Mr. Burchell, Mr. Burns, Mr. Carr, Mr. Catts, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Livingston, Mr. McGrath (under suspension), Colonel Ryrie, and Mr. Webster.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.