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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 73.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH SEPTEMBER, 1920.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ARBITRATION (PUBLIC SERVICE) BILL (1920).—SENATE'S MESSAGE No. 47.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Senate's Message No. 47—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 Amendment, which is as follows:—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO WHICH THE SENATE HAS AGREED WITH AN AMENDMENT.

No. 3.—Page 5, clause 13, at the end of the clause add the following sub-clauses:—

“(2.) The Arbitrator shall, at the request of the organization which has submitted a claim or application, or of the Commissioner, or of the Minister of any Department of State who has submitted an application or who is affected by the claim or application of the organization, and may, without such request, appoint an assessor or assessors to advise him in relation to the claim or application, and the assessor or assessors shall discharge such duties as are directed by the Arbitrator or as are prescribed.

“(3.) One of the assessors shall be a person nominated by the organization, and the other a person nominated jointly by the Commissioner and the Minister of each Department of State affected by the claim or application, or, in default of such nomination, appointed by the Governor-General.”

Amendment agreed to by the Senate with the following Amendment, viz. :—

Leave out “an assessor or assessors to advise him in relation to the claim or application, and the assessor or assessors”, insert “two assessors to advise him in relation to the claim or application and the assessors”.

On the motion of Mr. Wise, after debate, the Amendment made by the Senate on the Amendment of the House of Representatives was agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Wise, the House adopted the Report.

3. NEW GUINEA BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time---

Debate resumed.

Mr. Tudor moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word “now” in the motion “That the Bill be now read a second time” be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof:—

“withdrawn and immediately re-introduced after re-drafting so as to provide for complete government by the Australian Parliament of the Territories and Islands of the Pacific under the terms of the mandate and to provide that the laws of the Commonwealth shall apply thereto unless specifically exempted by the Parliament.”

Debate continued.

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

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The House divided—

Ayes, 30.		Noes, 11.	
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Lamond	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Livingston	Mr. Cunningham	Mr. West
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Bell	Mr. Marks	Mr. McGrath	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marr	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Nicholls	Mr. Riley
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Ryan	
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Poynton		
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Prowse		
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Rodgers		
Mr. Corser	Sir Granville Ryrie		
Mr. Greene	Mr. Laird Smith		
Mr. Groom			
Mr. Hay	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Burchell		
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Story		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed.—Bill read a second time. Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 agreed to.
 Clause 2 debated and agreed to.
 Clause 3 agreed to.
 Clause 4 debated and agreed to.
 Clause 5 agreed to.
 Clause 6 debated and agreed to.
 Clause 7 debated and agreed to.
 Clause 8 debated and agreed to.
 Clause 9 agreed to.
 Clause 10 debated and agreed to.
 Clauses 11 and 12 agreed to.
 Clause 13 debated and agreed to.
 Clause 14—

Mr. Brennan moved, as an amendment, That the words "If either House" (line 46) be omitted with a view to the insertion of the words "Unless both Houses" in place thereof; that the word "passes" (line 46) be omitted with a view to the insertion of the word "pass" in place thereof; that the word "disallowing" (line 48) be omitted with a view to the insertion of the word "allowing" in place thereof; and that the word "thereupon" (line 49) be omitted with a view to the insertion of the words "on the expiration of such period or the longer period" in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 12.		Noes, 31.	
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Lamond
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Tudor	Mr. Bamford	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Fenton	Mr. West	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Gabb		Mr. Bell	Mr. Marks
Mr. Makin	<i>Tellers:</i>	Sir Robert Best	Mr. Marr
Mr. McGrath	Mr. Riley	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Nicholls	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Poynton
		Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Prowse
		Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Rodgers
		Mr. Corser	Sir Granville Ryrie
		Mr. Fowler	Mr. Laird Smith
		Mr. Greene	Mr. Wise
		Mr. Groom	
		Mr. Hay	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Higgs	Mr. Burchell
		Mr. Jackson	Mr. Story
		Mr. Jowett	

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 15—

Mr. Tudor moved, as an amendment, That sub-clause (2.) be omitted from the clause.

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

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Mr. Tudor moved, That all the words of sub-clause (2.) after the word "Territory" (line 3) be omitted.

Debate continued.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 3) 1920-21.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 48.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-one,*" to which it has agreed without requests.

THOS. GIVENS,

President.

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5. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fifteen minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Blakeley, Mr. Blundell, Mr. Bowden*, Mr. Considine, Mr. Fleming, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Lister, Mr. Mahon, Mr. Mathews, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. James Page, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Watt, and Mr. Wienholt.

* On leave.

WALTER A. GALE,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.