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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 166.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD APRIL, 1902.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER.—Mr. Barton presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Military Forces of the Commonwealth—Minute upon the Defence of Australia, by Major-General Hutton, Commandant.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

3. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Bamford rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The administration of the Immigration Restriction Act in connexion with the Pearl-shelling Industry."

Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and five Members having accordingly risen—

Mr. Bamford moved, that the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

And Mr. Barton, addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech within fifteen minutes—

Ordered—That Standing Order No. 39 be suspended in order to enable the honorable Member to complete his speech.

Debate continued.

Question—That the House do now adjourn—put and negatived.

4. MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented by Sir George Turner, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :—

HOPETOUN,
Governor-General.

Message No. 36.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of The Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Estimates of Expenditure for the Year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and two, and Estimates of Expenditure for Arrears for the period ended thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and one, in lieu of Estimates transmitted on eighth October, One thousand nine hundred and one, under Message No. 22, and recommends an Appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Melbourne, 23rd April, 1902.

HOPETOUN,
Governor-General.

Message No. 37.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of The Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works, and Buildings, in lieu of Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works, and Buildings transmitted on eighth October, One thousand nine hundred and one, with Message No. 23, for the Year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and two, and recommends an Appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Melbourne, 23rd April, 1902.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, to be printed and referred to the Committee of Supply.

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5. PUBLIC SERVICE BILL—SENATE'S MESSAGE, No. 39.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Senate's Message, No. 39, having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Chanter reported that the Committee had dealt with the Amendments as follows:—

SCHEDULE OF THAT PART OF AN AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE TO WHICH THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HAS DISAGREED, ON WHICH THE SENATE INSISTS, AND OF THE CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENT DISAGREED TO BY THE SENATE.

Amendment No. 10, viz. :—

No. 10.—Page 3, clause 5, line 33, insert "seven."
Consequential amendment made in clause 5, to which the Senate disagrees, viz., that the word "of" before "eight" omitted be also omitted, and that the words "not exceeding eight" be inserted.

HOW DEALT WITH
BY THE COMMITTEE.

} Senate's amendment now agreed to, and consequential amendment of House of Representatives not insisted on.

SCHEDULE OF AN AMENDMENT MADE BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON AN AMENDMENT OF THE SENATE, TO WHICH THE SENATE HAS AGREED WITH AMENDMENTS.

Amendment No. 42, viz. :—

No. 42.—Page 20, clause 52, omit this clause, and insert new clause—

"52A. Subject to the provisions of the Act every ^{Appointee to} officer on the confirmation of his appointment shall assure his life. effect an assurance of his life with some life assurance company or society carrying on business in Australia providing for such benefits as may be prescribed and for increasing from time to time the amount assured. Provided that this section shall not apply to any officer who at the time of his appointment is already assured in such company or society for benefits equivalent to those prescribed."

HOW DEALT WITH
BY THE COMMITTEE.

In line 3, omit "carrying on business in Australia," and insert "approved by the Governor-General, registered and carrying on business in the Commonwealth or as may be prescribed."

Amend amendment by omitting from words to be inserted the words "approved by the Governor-General" and "or as may be prescribed."

} Senate's amendment on House of Representatives' amendment disagreed to.

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE TO WHICH THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HAS DISAGREED, ON WHICH THE SENATE INSISTS.

HOW DEALT WITH
BY THE COMMITTEE.

No. 9.—Page 3, clause 5, line 32, omit "fifteen," insert "twelve."

} Senate's amendment now agreed to.

No. 13.—Page 5, clause 9, lines 41 and 42, omit "shall determine the division class subdivision of class or grade of every officer and."

} Disagreement to Senate's amendment insisted on, except the omission of the word "determine." Omission of the word "determine" now agreed to, and the following words inserted in place thereof, viz.:—
"recommend to the Governor-General for determination," and the following further amendment made, viz.:—At the end of sub-clause 1 of clause 9 add—
"Provided that where the Governor-General does not approve of any such recommendation a statement of the reasons for not approving and for requiring a fresh recommendation shall be laid before The Parliament."

No. 24.—Page 9, clause 21, lines 38 and 39, omit "and in the case of a female as being as capable of satisfactorily performing the work as a male."

} Senate's amendment now agreed to.

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No. 40.—Page 20, clause 50, line 19, after “ officer ” omit remainder of clause, and insert “ (except officers of the Parliament) affected by any report or recommendation made or action taken under this Act other than a report or recommendation made or action taken under sections thirty-one, forty-six to forty-nine inclusive, sixty-four, sixty-five, and seventy-two thereof, may, in such manner and within such time as may be prescribed, appeal to a Board consisting of an Inspector, the Chief Officer of the Department to which such officer belongs or an officer nominated by such Chief Officer, and the representative of the division to which such officer belongs elected under the Regulations by the officers of the division to which such officer belongs in the State in which such officer performs his duties. The Board shall hear such appeal and transmit the evidence taken together with a recommendation thereon to the Commissioner who shall thereupon determine such appeal. Provided that in the case of reports or recommendation made by the Commissioner to the Governor-General all such appeals must be taken before the reports and recommendation are dealt with by the Governor-General under the provisions of this Act.”

HOW DEALT WITH
BY THE COMMITTEE.

Senate's amendment now
agreed to.

On the motion of Sir William Lyne the House adopted the report.

6. FRANCHISE BILL (No. 2).—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Sir William Lyne moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Bamford,	Mr. A. McLean,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. O'Malley,
Mr. Clarke,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Poynton,
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Ronald,
Mr. Fowler,	Mr. E. Solomon,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Spence,
Sir Philip Fysh,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Kirwan,	Mr. Tudor,
Sir William Lyne,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Macdonald-	Mr. Watson.
Paterson,	
Mr. Mauger,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McCay,	Mr. L. E. Groom,
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Wilks.

Noes, 6.

Sir Edward Braddon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Chanter,	
Mr. G. B. Edwards,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Knox.	Mr. Winter Cooke.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Chanter reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Barton moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at one minute before twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Sir Langdon Bonython, Messrs. Cameron, Cruickshank, Ewing, Fisher, Glynn, A. C. Groom, Harper, Hartnoll, Kennedy, McColl, Sir Malcolm McEacharn, Messrs. F. E. McLean, Phillips, Sir John Quick, the Right Honorable G. H. Reid, P.C., Messrs. Salmon, Bruce Smith, V. L. Solomon, and Willis.

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