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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 26.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 14TH JULY, 1903.

- 1 The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITION.—Mr. R. Edwards presented a Petition from certain persons styling themselves respectively the President and the Secretary of the Brisbane Chamber of Commerce and the President and the Secretary of the Brisbane Chamber of Manufactures against section 16 of the Post and Telegraph Act 1901, which prohibits the employment of coloured labour on mail steamers, and praying that the House will forthwith take into consideration the advisableness of repealing the said section. Petition received and read.
3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented by Sir George Turner, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

TENNYSON,
Governor-General. *Message No. 6.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and four,*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
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4. PAPER.—Sir Edmund Barton presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Vancouver Mail Service—Refrigerating accommodation on steamers engaged in—Correspondence from the Manager, Union Steamship Company of New Zealand, with reference to.

Ordered to lie on the Table.
5. SUGAR BONUS BILL.—SENATE'S MESSAGE No. 7.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Senate's Message No. 7 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 SHOWING THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

- No. 1.—Page 1, Title, omit "Bonus" insert "Bounty."
- No. 2.—Page 1, clause 1, line 4, omit "Bonus" insert "Bounty."
- No. 3.—Page 1, clause 2, line 9, after "three" insert "or for a period of twelve months immediately preceding the delivery thereof for manufacture."
- No. 4.—Page 1, clause 2, line 10, omit "bonus" insert "bounty."
- No. 5.—Page 1, clause 2, at end of clause, add "Provided that no bounty shall be paid in respect of the production of sugar on land which has been cultivated by other than white labour after a bounty has been paid in respect of the production of sugar thereon."
- No. 6.—Page 1, clause 3, line 14, omit "bonus" insert "bounty."
- No. 7.—Page 1, clause 4, line 18, omit "bonus" insert "bounty."
- No. 8.—Page 2, clause 6, line 5, omit "bonuses" insert "bounties."
- No. 9.—Page 2, clause 7, line 9, omit "bonuses" insert "bounties."
- No. 10.—Page 2, clause 9, line 33, omit "bonus" insert "bounty."

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The Committee disagrees to amendment No. 3 made by the Senate in the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to provide for a Bonus to Growers of Sugar-Cane and Beet*" for the following reason:—Because the Bill is a proposed law appropriating revenue or moneys, and amendment No. 3 is an infraction of the provisions of section 53 of The Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act, which prohibits the Senate from originating a proposed law appropriating revenue or moneys or from amending any proposed law so as to increase any proposed charge or burden on the people; and the Committee does not deem it necessary to offer any further reason, hoping the above may be sufficient.

The Committee agrees to all the other amendments of the Senate in this Bill.

On the motion of Mr. Deakin the House adopted the Report.

6. NAVAL AGREEMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question,

That the Bill be now read a second time, having been read—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Watson moved, as an amendment, That the word "now" be omitted from, and that the words "this day six months" be added to, the question.

Debate continued.

Mr. A. C. Groom moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at thirty-five minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Bamford, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Harper, Mr. Macdonald-Paterson, Mr. Manifold, Mr. F. E. McLean, Sir William McMillan, Sir John Quick, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. V. L. Solomon, and Mr. Wilks.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.