

1905.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 9.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE.

WEEK ENDED 16TH DECEMBER, 1905.

MONDAY, 11TH DECEMBER, 1905.

No. 33.—*Electoral Bill* (1905).—Clause 8.

8.—(1.) The Governor-General may appoint three persons in each State to be Commissioners for the purpose of distributing the State into Divisions in accordance with this Act.

(2.) The persons so appointed shall be respectively a Judge of a Court of the State, the Surveyor-General or head of the Survey Department of the State, and the Commonwealth Electoral Officer for State, unless the Governor-General, by reason of any of such persons not being available, or for other reason appearing to him to be sufficient, thinks fit to appoint other persons instead of any of such persons.

(3.) Each Commissioner shall hold office during the pleasure of the Governor-General.

—(The Minister for Home Affairs.)

Question—That the clause stand part of the Bill—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 9.

Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Dugald Thomson.
Mr. Knox,	
Mr. Lee,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Liddell,	
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. McWilliams,
Mr. Robinson,	Mr. Wilks.

Noes, 25.

Mr. Bamford,	Mr. McCay,
Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. Ronald,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Spence,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Storrer,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. David Thomson,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Tudor,
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Watson,
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Webster.
Mr. Frazer,	
Mr. Groom,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hutchison,	
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Hume Cook,
Mr. Mahon,	Mr. O'Malley.

And so it passed in the negative.

TUESDAY, 12TH DECEMBER, 1905.

No. 34.—*Electoral Bill* (1905) (*continued*).—Clause 39.

39. Section one hundred and thirty-nine of the Principal Act is amended by omitting sub-sections (1) and (2) \wedge and inserting in lieu thereof the following sub-section :—

“(1.) In an election, an elector may vote only—

(a) at the polling-place for which he is enrolled, or a prescribed polling-place for the subdivision for which he is enrolled ; or

(b) at any other polling-place for the same Division, if he makes and signs before the presiding officer a declaration in the Form Q in the Schedule.

—(*The Minister for Home Affairs.*)

Amendment proposed—That the word and figure “ and (3) ” be inserted after the figure “ (2) ” in line 2 of the clause.

—(*Mr. Dugald Thomson.*)

Question—That the word and figure proposed to be inserted, be so inserted—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 12.		Noes, 37.	
Mr. Conroy,	Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Bamford,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,	Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. O'Malley,
Mr. R. Edwards,	Mr. Wilson.	Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Fuller,		Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Poynton,
Mr. Lee,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Robinson,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Ronald,
Mr. McWilliams,	Mr. Wilks.	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Spence,
		Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Storrer,
		Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Thomas,
		Mr. Frazer,	Mr. David Thomson,
		Mr. Groom,	Mr. Tudor,
		Mr. Higgins,	Mr. Watkins,
		Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Watson,
		Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Webster,
		Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. Wilkinson.
		Sir William Lyne,	
		Mr. Mahon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Batchelor,
		Mr. Mauger,	Mr. Hume Cook.
		Mr. McDonald,	

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 35.—*Electoral Bill* (1905) (*continued*).—Clause 48.

PART XVI.—COURT OF DISPUTED RETURNS.

48. [Section one hundred and ninety-four] of the Principal Act is amended by adding at the end of paragraph (e) the words “ or (if the facts relied on in support of the petition are breaches by a candidate of the provisions of Part XIV. of this Act) within forty days after the filing by the candidate of the return of his electoral expenses.”

—(*The Minister for Home Affairs.*)

Amendment proposed—That the words “ Section one hundred and ninety-four ” be omitted from the clause.

—(*Mr. Chanter.*)

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 19.		Noes, 17.	
Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Bamford,	Mr. Ronald,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Spence,	Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Conroy,	Mr. Storrer,	Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Tudor,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. David Thomson,	Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Webster,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Watson,	Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Willis.
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Wilson.	Mr. Maloney,	
Mr. Groom,		Mr. McColl,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hutchison,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. McWilliams,	
Mr. Isaacs,		Mr. O'Malley,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Knox,	Mr. Hume Cook,	Mr. Poynton,	Mr. Watkins.
Sir William Lyne,	Mr. Kelly.		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 36.—*Electoral Bill* (1905) (*continued*).—Proposed New Clause 25A.

25A. After section sixty-six of the Principal Act the following section is inserted :—

66A. Any Member of the Parliament or any candidate or any authorized representative of a political league consisting of not less than fifty financial members who are electors may at any time, when any employes employed thereon are not at work, such as dinner time, crib time, "smoke oh," or changing of shifts, enter any mine mine working mine building factory workshop or any place where any work or undertaking is carried on, and may interview any employes for the purpose of obtaining the enrolment or assisting in obtaining the enrolment of such employes or any of them as electors, or for the purpose of assisting such employes or any of them.

—(Mr. O'Malley.)

Question—That the proposed new clause be read a second time—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 10.		Noes, 24.	
Mr. Bamford,	Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. McColl,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Watson,	Mr. Chapman,	Mr. McWilliams,
Mr. Hutchison,		Mr. Conroy,	Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. Maloney,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Storrer,
Mr. Ronald,	Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Deakin,	Mr. David Thomson,
Mr. Spence,	Mr. O'Malley.	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,
		Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Tudor,
		Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Willis,
		Mr. Groom,	Mr. Wilson.
		Mr. Isaacs,	
		Mr. Knox,	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Hume Cook,
		Sir William Lyne,	Mr. Kelly.

And so it passed in the negative.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH DECEMBER, 1905.

No. 37.—*Sugar Bounty Bill* (1905)—Clause 3.

3. After the first day of January One thousand nine hundred and seven, there shall be paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, which is hereby appropriated accordingly, to every grower of white-grown cane or beet within the Commonwealth a bounty, at the rates \wedge provided by this Act, on all such cane or beet delivered for manufacture after that date and before the first day of January One thousand nine hundred and twelve.

—(The Minister for Trade and Customs.)

Amendment proposed—That the words "on the sliding scale" be inserted after the word "rates" in line 3 of the clause.

—(Mr. Batchelor.)

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 22.		Noes, 28.	
Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. McWilliams,	Mr. Bamford,	Mr. McDonald,
Sir Langdon Bonython,	Mr. Poynton,	Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Chapman,	Sir John Quick,
Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Ronald,
Mr. Conroy,	Mr. Storrer,	Mr. R. Edwards,	Mr. Spence,
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Willis,	Sir John Forrest,	Mr. David Thomson,
Mr. Gibb,	Mr. Wilson.	Mr. Groom,	Mr. Tudor,
Mr. Glynn,		Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Knox,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Webster,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. Wilkinson.
Mr. McColl,	Mr. Wilks.	Mr. Lee,	
		Sir William Lyne,	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Hume Cook,
		Mr. Mauger,	Mr. Fisher.

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 38.—*Sugar Bounty Bill* (1905)—Clause 3 (*continued*).

3. After the first day of January One thousand nine hundred and seven, there shall be paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, which is hereby appropriated accordingly, to every grower of white-grown cane or beet within the Commonwealth a bounty, at the rates provided by this Act, on all such cane or beet delivered for manufacture after that date and before the first day of January One thousand nine hundred and [twelve].

—(The Minister for Trade and Customs.)

Amendment proposed—That the word "twelve", at the end of the clause be omitted with a view to the insertion of the word "ten" in place thereof.

—(Mr. Mahon.)

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Bamford,	Mr. Ronald,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Spence,
Mr. R. Edwards,	Mr. David Thomson,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Tudor,
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Watkins,
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Webster,
Mr. Groom,	Mr. Wilkinson.
Mr. Hutchison,	
Mr. Isaacs,	
Mr. Kennedy,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Sir William Lyne,	Mr. Hume Cook,
Mr. Mauger,	Mr. McDonald.

Noes, 19.

Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. McColl,
Sir Langdon Bonython,	Mr. McWilliams,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. O'Malley,
Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Storrer,
Mr. Gibb,	Mr. Willis.
Mr. Glynn,	
Mr. Lonsdale,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Conroy,
	Mr. Poynton.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 39.—*Sugar Bounty Bill*.—Clause 3 (*continued*).

3. After the first day of January One thousand nine hundred and seven, there shall be paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, which is hereby appropriated accordingly, to every grower of white-grown cane or beet within the Commonwealth a bounty, at the rates provided by this Act, on all such cane or beet delivered for manufacture after that date and before the first day of January One thousand nine hundred and twelve.

—(*The Minister for Trade and Customs.*)

Question—That the clause stand part of the Bill—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Bamford,	Mr. Ronald,
Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. Spence,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Storrer,
Mr. R. Edwards,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. David Thomson,
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Tudor,
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Groom,	Mr. Webster,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Wilkinson.
Mr. Isaacs,	
Mr. Kennedy,	
Mr. Lee,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Sir William Lyne,	Mr. Hume Cook,
Mr. Mauger,	Mr. McDonald.

Noes, 19.

Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. O'Malley,
Sir Langdon Bonython,	Mr. Poynton,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Gibb,	Mr. Willis.
Mr. Glynn,	
Mr. Lonsdale,	
Mr. Mahon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McColl,	Mr. Conroy,
Mr. McWilliams,	Mr. Fuller.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

FRIDAY, 15TH DECEMBER, 1905.

No. 40.—*Electoral Bill* (1905) (*continued*).—Proposed New Clause 26A.

26A. Section ninety-seven of the Principal Act is amended by omitting paragraph (c).

—(*Mr. Bamford.*)

Question—That the proposed new clause be read a second time—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 11.

Mr. Bamford,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Webster.
Mr. Fisher,	
Mr. Ronald,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Spence,	
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Batchelor,
Mr. Watkins,	Mr. Wilks.

Noes, 37.

Mr. Cameron,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. McWilliams,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. O'Malley,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Conroy,	Mr. Robinson,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Skene,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Bruce Smith,
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Storrer,
Mr. Groom,	Mr. David Thomson,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Tudor,
Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Knox,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Liddell,	Mr. Wilson.
Mr. Lonsdale,	
Sir William Lyne,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mahon,	
Mr. Mauger,	Mr. Hume Cook,
Mr. McColl,	Mr. Frazer.

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 41.—*Electoral Bill* (1905) (*continued*).—Proposed New Clause 46A.

46A. Section one hundred and eighty of the Principal Act is amended by inserting in (a), after the word "advertisement," "other than an advertisement in a newspaper." K

—(Mr Dugald Thomson.)

Question—That the proposed new clause be read a second time—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 33.		Noes, 24.
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Bamford,
Mr. Conroy,	Mr. McColl,	Mr. Batchelor,
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. McLean,	Mr. Brown,
Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. R. Edwards,	Mr. Robinson,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Skene,	Mr. Glynn,
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Hughes,
Mr. Gibb,	Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Groom,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Harper,	Mr. Tudor,	Mr. O'Malley,
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. Wilks,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Johnson,	Mr. Willis,	Mr. Poynton,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Wilson.	Sir John Quick,
Mr. Lee,		Mr. Ronald,
Mr. Liddell,	<i>Tellers.</i>	
Mr. Lonsdale,		<i>Tellers.</i>
Sir William Lyne,	Mr. Hume Cook,	Mr. Fisher,
Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Fuller.	Mr. Frazer.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 42.—*Electoral Bill* (1905) (*continued*).—The Schedule.

FORM O.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

Ballot-paper.

State of [*here insert name of State*].

Election of [*here insert number*] Senators.

Directions.—The elector should mark his vote on this ballot-paper by making a cross in the square opposite the name of each candidate for whom he votes. He must vote for the full number of candidates to be elected.

CANDIDATES.

- BRADY, SAMUEL.
- CARTER, WILLIAM.
- DAVIS, CHARLES.
- JONES, HENRY.
- KING, JAMES.
- SMITH, JOHN.
- WILLIAMS, BENJAMIN (Auburn).
- WILLIAMS, BENJAMIN (St. Kilda).

—(The Minister for Home Affairs.)

Amendment proposed—That Form O be omitted from the Schedule.

—(Mr. Batchelor.)

Question—That the Form proposed to be omitted be so omitted—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 9.		Noes, 26.	
Mr. Bamford,	Mr Tudor.	Mr. Brown,	Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Carpenter,		Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Ronald,
Mr. Johnson,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Spence,
Mr. Mauger,		Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Storrer,
Mr. O'Malley,	Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. David Thomson,
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Frazer.	Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Watkins,
		Mr. Groom,	Mr. Watson,
		Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. Webster,
		Mr. Knox,	Mr. Wilkinson,
		Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Wilks.
		Sir William Lyne,	
		Mr. Mahon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Hume Cook,
		Mr. McLean,	Mr. Fisher.

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 43.—*Electoral Bill* (1905) (*continued*).—On recomittal.—Clause 51.

51. Before section two hundred and seven of the Principal Act the following section is inserted :—

“ 206A. Any person who—

(a) is convicted of bribery or undue influence, or of attempted bribery or undue influence. at an election ; or

(b) is found by the Court of Disputed Returns to have committed or attempted to commit bribery or undue influence when a candidate ;

shall, during a period of two years from the date of the conviction or finding, be incapable of being chosen or of sitting as a Member of either House of the Parliament.

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—(*The Minister for Home Affairs.*)

Amendment proposed—That the following words be added to the clause :—

After section two hundred and seven of the Principal Act the following section is inserted :—

207A. Any candidate duly nominated for election as a Senator or a Member of the House of Representatives shall, subject to Regulations and to the payment of the charges prescribed in the First Schedule to the *Post and Telegraph Rates Act* 1902, be entitled to transmit through the post one copy of an election address or manifesto relating to such candidature, to each elector whose name appears on the roll for the State or Division, as the case may be, for which the candidate is nominated.”

—(*Mr. Knox.*)

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 25.		Noes, 19.	
Mr. Brown, /	Mr. Maloney, /	Mr. Bamford,	Mr. O'Malley,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Ronald, /	Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Conroy,	Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Spence, /	Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Storrer,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Thomas, /	Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. David Thomson,
Mr. Fisher, /	Mr. Dugald Thomson,	Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Wilks.
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Tudor, /	Mr. Higgins,	
Mr. Frazer, /	Mr. Watson, /	Mr. Johnson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Gibb,	Mr. Webster.	Mr. Kennedy,	
Mr. Groom,		Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Isaacs,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Mauger,	Mr. Watkins.
Mr. Knox,			
Sir William Lyne,	Mr. Hume Cook,		
Mr. Mahon, /	Mr. McDonald.		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative