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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 66.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD OCTOBER, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—REFERENDUM (CONSTITUTION ALTERATION) BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 20.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to the submission to the Electors of proposed Laws for the alteration of the Constitution,*" to which it has agreed with the amendments indicated in the annexed Schedule, in which amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate,
100 Melbourne, 3rd October, 1906.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration forthwith.
And the said amendments were read, and are as follow:—

SCHEDULE OF AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

- No. 1.—Page 2, clause 4, after paragraph (a) insert new paragraph—
“(aa) the postal vote certificate shall be in the form A1 in the Schedule to this Act; and”
- No. 2.—Page 3, clause 7, line 9, after “shall” insert “immediately after the issue of the same”.
- No. 3.—Page 3, clause 9, line 21, after “two” insert “or more”.
- No. 4.—Page 4, clause 13, line 1, omit “the” insert “any”.
- No. 5.—Page 4, after clause 14 insert new clause—
“14A. (1) Where the polling for one or more referendums is appointed to take place on the same day as the polling for an election for the Senate or a general election for the House of Representatives, an application for a postal vote certificate for the purposes of the election shall be deemed to contain an application for a postal vote certificate and a postal ballot-paper for the purposes of the referendums.”
- No. 6.—Page 5, clause 21, line 30, after “the” insert “copy of the”.
- No. 7.—Page 8, The Schedule, after Form A insert new Form—

“FORM A1.

The Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act 1906.

Postal Vote Certificate.

Electoral Division of (here insert name of Division).

I hereby certify that _____ of _____ is entitled to vote at
the referendum to be held on the _____ day of _____ 19
Dated this _____ day of _____ 19

Returning Officer.”

On the motion of Mr. Deakin, the House agreed to the amendments.

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3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—ELECTORAL VALIDATING BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 21.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to validate the Electoral Divisions of the State of New South Wales*," to which it has agreed without amendment.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 3rd October, 1906.

4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1, be postponed until a later hour this day.
5. EXCISE TARIFF [SPIRITS] BILL (1906).—SENATE'S REQUESTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Requests made by the Senate in regard to this Bill—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had dealt with the Amendments requested by the Senate, as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF REQUESTS BY THE SENATE TO WHICH THE COMMITTEE HAS AGREED.

No. 1.—page 1, clause 2, leave out proviso, insert—

"Provided that all spirits distilled in Australia, and not having been matured by storage in wood for a period of two years, may, until the thirty-first day of December, One thousand nine hundred and seven, inclusive, be delivered at the respective rates of duty specified in the Excise Tariff 1902."

No. 3.—Page 2, The Schedule, leave out item (3), viz. :—

"(3) Blended spirits, distilled partly from grape wine and partly from grain, and containing not less than 25 per cent. of pure grape wine spirit (which has been separately distilled by a pot still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 40 per cent. over proof), the whole being matured by storage in wood for a period not less than two years, and certified by an officer to be spirits so blended and matured—per proof gallon, 12s."

No. 7.—Page 2, The Schedule, item (7), leave out "matured by storage in wood for a period of not less than two years".

No. 8.—Page 2, The Schedule, item (11), after "wine" insert "or for making vinegar".

No. 9.—Page 2, The Schedule, add new item—

(12) "Spirits for the manufacture, from Australian products exclusively, of scents and toilet preparations, subject to Regulations, per gallon 10s."

SCHEDULE OF A REQUEST BY THE SENATE TO WHICH THE COMMITTEE HAS AGREED, WITH MODIFICATIONS.

Request of Senate—

No. 2.—Page 1, clause 2, at end of clause add—

"Provided further that if the distillers—

(a) do not, after the expiration of one year from the passing of this Act, pay their employes a fair and reasonable rate of wages per week of forty-eight hours; or

(b) employ more than a due proportion of boys to men engaged in the industry, the Governor-General may in pursuance of a joint address by the Senate and House of Representatives impose an additional excise duty of one shilling per gallon on each of the items mentioned in the Schedule."

Modification of Request as agreed to by the Committee—

No. 2.—Page 1, clause 2, at end of clause add—

"Provided further that if any distiller—

(a) does not, after the expiration of one year from the passing of this Act, pay his employes a fair and reasonable rate of wages per week of forty-eight hours; or

(b) employs more than a due proportion of boys to men engaged in the industry, the Governor-General may in pursuance of a joint address by the Senate and House of Representatives impose an additional excise duty of one shilling per gallon on each of the items mentioned in the Schedule as regards such distiller."

SCHEDULE OF REQUESTS BY THE SENATE TO WHICH THE COMMITTEE HAS DISAGREED.

No. 4.—Page 2, The Schedule, item (4), leave out "45," insert "35".

No. 5.—Page 2, The Schedule, item (5), leave out "45," insert "35".

No. 6.—Page 2, The Schedule, item (5), leave out "11s.," insert "12s."

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

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Senate amended accordingly.

6. SPIRITS BILL—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole House on the Amendments made by the Senate in this Bill—

The Report was read as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE TO WHICH THE COMMITTEE HAS AGREED.

- No. 1.—Page 1, clause 3, line 10, after "food" insert "or drink".
 No. 2.—Page 2, clause 3, line 20, before "Australian" insert "Pure".
 No. 3.—Page 2, clause 3, line 32, leave out "Wine".
 No. 7.—Page 4, clause 7, line 8, before "Australian" (*first occurring*) insert "Pure".
 No. 8.—Page 4, clause 7, line 9, leave out "Wine".
 No. 9.—Page 4, clause 7, line 13, before "Australian" (*first occurring*) insert "Pure".
 No. 10.—Page 4, clause 7, line 13, leave out "Wine".
 No. 11.—Page 4, clause 9, line 40, before "Australian" insert "Pure".
 No. 12.—Page 4, clause 9, line 41, leave out "Wine".
 No. 13.—Page 4, clause 9, line 44, before "Australian" insert "Pure".
 No. 14.—Page 4, clause 9, line 45, leave out "Wine".
 No. 15.—Page 4, after clause 9 insert the following new clause :—
 "9A. No spirit described as brandy shall after the first day of March Brandy delivered for human consumption to be distilled from grape wine. One thousand nine hundred and seven be delivered for human consumption until the Collector is satisfied by the production of an official certificate given in the country of origin that the spirit is distilled wholly from grape wine."
 No. 17.—Page 5, clause 10, line 2, after "Spirits" insert "(other than gin, Geneva, Hollands, schnapps, or liqueurs)".
 No. 18.—Page 5, clause 10, lines 6-8, leave out "Provided that this section shall not until the first day of January One thousand nine hundred and eight apply to gin, Geneva, Hollands, schnapps, or liqueurs."
 No. 19.—Page 5, clause 11, line 9, after "spirits" insert "(other than gin, Geneva, Hollands, schnapps, or liqueurs)".
 No. 20.—Page 5, clause 11, at end of clause add "Provided further that this section shall not apply to spirit for fortifying Australian wine."

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT OF THE SENATE TO WHICH THE COMMITTEE HAS AGREED IN PART, AND WITH A CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENT.

- No. 16.—Page 5, clause 10, line 1, leave out "twenty-eighth day of February," insert "thirtieth day of June".

Omission of words agreed to, but insertion of words "thirtieth day of June" disagreed to, and words "first day of January One thousand nine hundred and eight" proposed in place thereof; and, as a consequential amendment, the words "One thousand nine hundred and seven," in page 5, lines 1 and 2, of the Bill, omitted.

SCHEDULE OF AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE TO WHICH THE COMMITTEE HAS DISAGREED.

- No. 4.—Page 3, clause 3, line 5, leave out "forty-five," insert "thirty-five".
 No. 5.—Page 3, clause 3, lines 20 and 21, leave out "forty-five," insert "thirty-five".
 No. 6.—Page 4, clause 6, leave out paragraphs (b) and (c).

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

Mr. Deakin moved, That Mr. Ewing, Mr. Groom, and the Mover be appointed a Committee to draw up Reasons for the House of Representatives disagreeing to Amendments Nos. 4, 5, and 6.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Deakin, 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 certain Amendments of the Senate.

As to Amendment No. 4.—That the alteration made by the Senate would be undesirable from the trade point of view.

As to Amendment No. 5.—That the alteration made by the Senate would be undesirable from the trade point of view.

As to Amendment No. 6.—That the alteration made by the Senate would be a detriment to the export trade, and would place the Australian wine-maker at a disadvantage as compared with the importer.

Mr. Deakin moved, That the Committee's Reasons be adopted.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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7. EXCISE TARIFF [SUGAR] AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill, Mr. Deakin moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and 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. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same without amendment.
On the motion of Mr. Deakin, the House adopted the Report.
Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the Bill to pass through its remaining stage without delay.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Deakin moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.
8. PACIFIC ISLAND LABOURERS' BILL (1906).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Deakin moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and 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. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same without amendment.
On the motion of Mr. Deakin, the House adopted the Report.
Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the Bill to pass through its remaining stage without delay.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Deakin moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.
9. POST AND TELEGRAPH BILL (1906).—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Mauger reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same with an amendment.
Ordered—That the consideration of the Report be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
10. ALTERATION OF TIME OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House at its rising adjourn until half-past two o'clock to-morrow afternoon.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at seven 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 (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bamford, Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Conroy, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Fuller, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lee, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. McCay, Mr. McColl, Mr. Page, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Poynton, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Salmon, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Spence, Mr. Storrer, Mr. Thomas, Sir George Turner, and Mr. Webster.

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