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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 69.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH OCTOBER, 1906.

1. The House met this day at half-past three o'clock in the afternoon, the meeting having been postponed to that time by Mr. Speaker under the resolution passed by the House at its last meeting.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PRINTING COMMITTEE—FOURTH REPORT FROM.—Mr. Watkins, for the Chairman, brought up the Fourth Report from the Printing Committee.
The Report was read by the Clerk, and is as follows :—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have dealt with all the Papers and Petitions laid on the Table of the House since the last meeting of the Committee.

Your Committee find that the following Papers, presented to both Houses, have been printed by the Senate :—

Defence—Report by the Inspector-General, Major-General H. Finn.

Defence Department—Report giving the History of the Department.

Defence—

Instructions to Captain W. R. Creswell *re* Visit to England.

Report of Captain W. R. Creswell on Visit to England.

Your Committee recommend that the following Papers be printed :—

Preferential Duties on British Goods—Comparative value of Articles Imported—Return to Order.

Lands Acquisition Bill—Observations by the Attorney-General for the Commonwealth upon a Memorandum by the Attorney-General for New South Wales, &c., &c.

International Postal Congress, Rome, April–May, 1906—Report by the Postmaster-General.

D. WATKINS,
For Chairman.

House of Representatives,
Committee Room, 5th October, 1906.

Mr. Watkins moved, by leave, That the Report be agreed to:
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

3. PAPERS.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 - Colonial Conference.—Subjects suggested for discussion.
 - Federal Capital Site.—Further Correspondence between the Prime Minister and the Premier of New South Wales (14th September to 6th October, 1906).
 - High Court.—Correspondence between the Prime Minister and the Chief Justice of South Australia.
 - Naval Agreement.—Correspondence between the Commonwealth and the Imperial Governments *re*.
 - Surplus Revenue returnable by the Commonwealth to Tasmania.—Correspondence between the Prime Minister and the Premier of Tasmania.

10th October, 1906.

Royal Commission on Customs and Excise Tariffs—

Presentation of further instalment of Evidence : Summary of subjects covered by the Minutes of Evidence so far presented.

Minutes of Evidence—

Supplement to Vols. II., III., and IV.—Div. III.—Sugar ; Div. IV.—Agricultural Products and Groceries ; Div. V.—Apparel and Textiles ; and Div. VI.—Metals and Machinery.

Vol. V., Div. VII.—Oils, Paints, and Varnishes ; Div. VIII.—Earthenware, Cement, China, Glass, and Stone ; Div. IX.—Drugs and Chemicals ; Div. X.—Wood, Wicker, and Cane.

Vol. VI., Div. XI.—Jewellery and Fancy Goods ; Div. XII.—Leather and Rubber ; Div. XIII.—Paper and Stationery ; Div. XIV.—Vehicles ; Div. XV.—Musical Instruments ; and Div. XVI.—Miscellaneous. Also General Evidence.

Sir John Forrest presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

A Proposal for the Transfer of the States Debts.—Memorandum by the Hon. William Knox, M.P.

Commonwealth Financial Problems and their Solution, by the Hon. Robert Harper, M.P.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.

Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

Public Service Act 1902—

Second Report on the Commonwealth Public Service, issued by the Commissioner.

Regulation amended—No. 148—Vacancies—Statutory Rules, 1906, No. 83.

Mr. Ewing presented, pursuant to the direction of several Acts of Parliament—

Defence Acts 1903-4—

Military Forces—Financial and Allowance Regulations—Amendment of paragraph 168—Statutory Rules, 1906, No. 82.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—

Mr. W. P. Hallam : Services in regard to Telephone Systems.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 12th September, 1906.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—EXCISE TARIFF [STRIPPER HARVESTERS, ETC.] BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 24.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to Duties of Excise,*" and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill as amended by the House at the request of the Senate.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 5th October, 1906.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—LANDS ACQUISITION BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 25.

The Senate has agreed to the amendments made by the House of Representatives in the Bill for "*An Act relating to the Acquisition by the Commonwealth of Land required for Public Purposes and for dealing with Land so acquired and for other purposes connected therewith.*"

The Senate,
Melbourne, 5th October, 1906.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CUSTOMS TARIFF [STRIPPER HARVESTERS, ETC.] BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 27.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to Duties of Customs,*" to which it has agreed without requests.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 8th October, 1906.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—EXCISE TARIFF [SUGAR] BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 29.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the Excise Tariff 1905,*" to which it has agreed without request.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 9th October, 1906.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

10th October, 1906.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CUSTOMS TARIFF (SOUTH AFRICAN PREFERENCE) BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 31.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to Preferential Duties of Customs on certain Goods the produce or manufacture of the British Colonies or Protectorates in South Africa which are included within the South African Customs Union,*" to which it has agreed without request.

R. C. BAKER,
President.The Senate,
Melbourne, 9th October, 1906.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SPIRITS BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 26.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to Spirits,*" and acquaints the House of Representatives that the Senate has agreed to the amendment upon its amendment No. 16, and to the consequential amendment of the House of Representatives.

The Senate does not insist upon its amendment No. 6, disagreed to by the House of Representatives.

The Senate insists upon its amendments Nos. 4 and 5, disagreed to by the House of Representatives, and requests the reconsideration of the Bill in respect to those amendments.

R. C. BAKER,
President.The Senate,
Melbourne, 5th October, 1906.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration forthwith 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. McDonald reported that the Committee had dealt with the said amendments as follow:—

SCHEDULE OF AMENDMENTS MADE AND INSISTED ON BY THE SENATE.

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".

Amendments Nos. 4 and 5:—In each case omission of "forty-five" agreed to: insertion of "thirty-five" disagreed to, and "forty" inserted.

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

10. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—EXCISE TARIFF [SPIRITS] BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 28.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the Excise Tariff 1902,*" and acquaints the House of Representatives that the Senate has considered the Message of that House, dated 3rd October, 1906, in reference to such Bill, and has agreed to the modification of its requested amendment No. 2.

The Senate has resolved to press its requested amendments Nos. 4, 5, and 6, as originally requested.

R. C. BAKER,
President.The Senate,
Melbourne, 8th October, 1906.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration forthwith 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. McDonald reported that the Committee had dealt with the said requested amendments as follow:—

SCHEDULE OF AMENDMENTS REQUESTED AND PRESSED BY THE SENATE.

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.".

Requested amendments Nos. 4 and 5:—In each case requested amendment made as to the omission of "45": insertion of "35" not made, but "40" inserted in place thereof.

Requested amendment No. 6 made.

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

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

10th October, 1906.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PATENTS BILL (1906).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

Message No. 30.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the Patents Act, 1903,*" to which it has agreed with the amendment indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

R. C. BAKER,
President.The Senate,
Melbourne, 9th October, 1906.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration forthwith 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. McDonald reported that the Committee had dealt with the said amendment as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE.

Page 2, after clause 3, add new clause :—

"4. No application shall be revived under this Act if the Commissioner is satisfied that the invention is already patented in Australia, or that another application for the same invention has been lodged and will be unfairly prejudiced." Application not to be revived under certain conditions.

Amendment agreed to with the following amendment—Line 1, after "Commissioner" insert "or on appeal from him the Law Officer".

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

12. MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker.

NORTHCOTE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 18.

A Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the submission to the Electors of proposed Laws for the alteration of the Constitution,*" 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 and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
Melbourne, 8th October, 1906.

NORTHCOTE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 19.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to validate the Electoral Divisions of the State of New South Wales,*" 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 and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
Melbourne, 8th October, 1906.

13. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PACIFIC ISLAND LABOURERS BILL (1906).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 32.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the Pacific Island Labourers Act 1901,*" 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,
Melbourne, 10th October, 1906.R. C. BAKER,
President.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration forthwith 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. McDonald reported that the Committee had dealt with the said amendments as follow :—

SCHEDULE OF AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

No. 1.—Page 1, clause 2, sub-clause (2), leave out paragraph (a), insert—

"(a) general certificate to be issued only to a Pacific Island labourer who proves to the satisfaction of the Minister—

- (i) That he was introduced into Australia prior to the first day of September, One thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine; or
- (ii) That he is of such extreme age, or is suffering from such bodily infirmity as to be unable to obtain a livelihood if returned to his native island; or

- (iii) That having been married before the ninth day of October, One thousand nine hundred and six, to a native of some island other than his own, he cannot be deported without risk to the life of either himself or his family ; or
- (iv) That he has been married before the ninth day of October, One thousand nine hundred and six, to a female not a native of the Pacific Islands ; or
- (v) That he was on the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and six, and still is, registered as the beneficial owner of a freehold in Queensland ; or
- (vi) That he has been continuously resident in Australia for a period of not less than twenty years prior to the thirty-first day of December, One thousand nine hundred and six ; and "

No. 2.—Page 2, clause 2, paragraph (b), in line 1, leave out "certificates," insert "certificate," in line 3 after "to" (second occurring) insert "a," and leave out "labourers" and insert "labourer," in line 5 leave out "their," insert "his," and leave out "islands" and insert "island"—as consequential on amendments in paragraph (a).

No. 3.—Page 2, clause 2, line 7, before "certificate" insert "special".

No. 4.—Page 2, clause 2, line 7, leave out "(whether General or special)".

No. 5.—Page 2, clause 2, at end of clause add new sub-clause—

"(4) A general certificate under this section shall, subject to the terms and conditions expressed in the certificate, have the effect of excepting the Pacific Island labourer mentioned therein from any specified provisions of this Act, but may be cancelled by the Minister if at any time he has reason to think such certificate has been obtained by false and fraudulent representation."

No. 6.—Page 2, after clause 2, add new clause—

"3. Any person aiding or abetting any Pacific Island labourer in the obtaining a certificate of exemption by means of false and fraudulent representation to the Minister shall be deemed guilty of an offence against this Act.

Aiding and abetting the obtaining a certificate.

Penalty : Fifty pounds, or three months' imprisonment, or both."

Penalty.

Amendment No. 1 agreed to with the following amendment :—In proposed new paragraph (a) omit the last word "and", and insert "or whose name the Minister directs to be included in a list to be laid before both Houses of the Parliament ; and".

Amendments Nos. 2 to 6 inclusive agreed to.

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

14. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—ELECTORAL [ADVERTISEMENTS] BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 33.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Parliamentary Elections*," to which it has agreed with the amendment indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 10th October, 1906.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration forthwith 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. McDonald reported that the Committee had agreed to the amendment made by the Senate.

And the said amendment was read, and is as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE.

Clause 2, lines 13-15, *leave out* "in lieu thereof, the words '(other than an advertisement in a newspaper announcing the holding of a meeting)'" , *insert* "after the word 'notice' the words '(other than the announcement by advertisement in a newspaper of the holding of a meeting)'" .

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

15. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CUSTOMS TARIFF (BRITISH PREFERENCE) BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 23.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to Duties of Customs*," and requests the House to amend the Bill as set forth in the annexed schedule.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 5th October, 1906.

10th October, 1906.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration forthwith 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. McDonald stated that the Tellers in a Division in the Committee had certified that there were 18 Ayes and 6 Noes, and that therefore he had to report that there was not a quorum present—

Mr. Speaker thereupon ruled that 24 Members voting on the Division, and the Chairman being in the Chair, a quorum, under the provisions of the Constitution, was present in the Committee.

Mr. McDonald then reported that the Committee had dealt with the said requested amendments as follow :—

SCHEDULE OF CERTAIN REQUESTS BY THE SENATE FOR AMENDMENTS TO BE MADE IN THE
CUSTOMS TARIFF (BRITISH PREFERENCE) 1906.

No. 1.—The Schedule, under heading “Duties,” after the word “ships” (*in first sub-heading*), insert “until the 31st day of August, 1907, inclusive, and thereafter on such goods imported in such ships”.

No. 2.—Page 2, The Schedule, Item 136(e), in the second column under heading “Duties,” leave out “up to” insert “on and after”.

No. 3.—Page 4, The Schedule, before Item 122(g), insert new Item—

Item 122(f)		Strawboard	per cwt.		1s.		1s. 6d.
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Requested amendment No. 1 not made, but the Schedule amended by omitting from the first sub-heading to the column headed “Duties” the words “and imported direct in British ships manned exclusively by white seamen”, and by omitting from the second sub-heading to the column headed “Duties” the words “or not imported direct in British ships”.

Requested amendments Nos. 2 and 3 made.

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

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

16. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PATENTS BILL (1906.)—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER.

Message No. 36.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “An Act to amend the ‘Patents Act 1903,’” and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the amendment made by the House in the amendment of the Senate.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 10th October, 1906.

17. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SPIRITS BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 34.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “An Act relating to *Spirits*,” and acquaints the House of Representatives that the Senate insists on that part of amendments Nos. 4 and 5, respectively, disagreed to by the House of Representatives, and has disagreed to the further amendments of the House of Representatives in the Bill.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 10th October, 1906.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration forthwith.

Mr. Deakin moved, That the House does not insist on disagreeing to that portion of amendments Nos. 4 and 5, respectively, insisted on by the Senate, and does not insist on its further amendments therein to which the Senate has disagreed.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 20.

Noes, 8.

Mr. Brown,	Mr. Mahon,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Mauger,
Mr. Crouch,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Culpin,	Mr. Ronald,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Spence,
Mr. Groom,	Mr. Watkins.
Mr. Harper,	
Mr. Higgins,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Hume Cook,
Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. Maloney.

Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. O'Malley.
Mr. G. B. Edwards,	
Mr. Glynn,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Johnson,
Mr. McWilliams,	Mr. Liddell.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

10th October, 1906.

18. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—EXCISE TARIFF (SPIRITS) BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 35.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the Excise Tariff, 1902*", and acquaints the House of Representatives that the Senate has resolved to further press its requested amendments Nos. 4 and 5, as originally requested.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 10th October, 1906.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration forthwith.

And the said requested amendments were read, and are as follow:—

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".

Mr. Deakin moved, That the Senate's requested amendments Nos. 4 and 5 be now made as originally requested.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

19. SUSPENSION OF SITTING.—Mr. Speaker informed the House at twenty minutes past eleven o'clock p.m. that he would resume the Chair at half-past ten o'clock a.m. to-morrow (Thursday).

THURSDAY, 11TH OCTOBER, 1906.

20. RESUMPTION OF SITTING.—Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

21. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—EXCISE TARIFF [SPIRITS] BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 38.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the Excise Tariff 1902*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill as amended by the House of Representatives at the request of the Senate.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 10th October, 1906.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

22. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PACIFIC ISLAND LABOURERS BILL (1906).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 37.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the Pacific Island Labourers Act 1901*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has disagreed to the amendment made by the House on amendment No. 1 of the Senate, for the reason shown in the annexed schedule.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 10th October, 1906.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration at a later hour this day.

23. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CUSTOMS TARIFF (BRITISH PREFERENCE) BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 39.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to Duties of Customs*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has considered the Message of the House of 10th October, in reference to this Bill, and has resolved to press its requested Amendment No. 1 as originally requested, and which the House has not made.

The Senate considers the amendments made are not a modification of the request made by the Senate.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 11th October, 1906.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration forthwith.

11th October, 1906.

And the said requested amendment was read, and is as follows:—

SCHEDULE OF A REQUEST PRESSED BY THE SENATE FOR AN AMENDMENT TO BE MADE IN THE
CUSTOMS TARIFF (BRITISH PREFERENCE) 1906.

No. 1.—The Schedule, under heading "Duties," after the word "ships" (*in first sub-heading*), insert "until the 31st day of August, 1907, inclusive, and thereafter on such goods imported in such ships".

Mr. Deakin moved, That the House of Representatives has thought fit at the present stage of this Bill to make the requested amendment instead of the amendment made and transmitted to the Senate, and desires to inform the Senate that in its opinion the amendment previously made was clearly a modification of the amendment requested.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

24. PACIFIC ISLAND LABOURERS BILL (1906).—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Senate's Message No. 37 in regard to this Bill disagreeing to the amendment made by the House on Amendment No. 1 of the Senate, viz.:—

SCHEDULE OF AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE.

No. 1.—Page 1, clause 2, sub-clause (2), leave out paragraph (a), insert—

"(a) general certificate to be issued only to a Pacific Island labourer who proves to the satisfaction of the Minister—

- (i) That he was introduced into Australia prior to the first day of September, One thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine; or
- (ii) That he is of such extreme age, or is suffering from such bodily infirmity as to be unable to obtain a livelihood if returned to his native island; or
- (iii) That having been married before the ninth day of October, One thousand nine hundred and six, to a native of some island other than his own, he cannot be deported without risk to the life of either himself or his family; or
- (iv) That he has been married before the ninth day of October, One thousand nine hundred and six, to a female not a native of the Pacific Islands; or
- (v) That he was on the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and six, and still is, registered as the beneficial owner of a freehold in Queensland; or
- (vi) That he has been continuously resident in Australia for a period of not less than twenty years prior to the thirty-first day of December, One thousand nine hundred and six; and"

Amendment No. 1 of the Senate agreed to by the House with the following amendment:—Omit last word "and" insert "or whose name the Minister directs to be included in a list to be laid before the Houses of the Parliament; and".

Schedule of Reason of the Senate for disagreeing to amendment of House of Representatives upon Senate's Amendment No. 1 in the Pacific Island Labourers Bill.

That the specific grounds for issuing certificates should in every case be embodied in the Bill—

Mr. Deakin moved, That the House does not insist on its amendment disagreed to by the Senate in Senate amendment No. 1, and now agrees to the said amendment No. 1.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

25. CUSTOMS TARIFF (BRITISH PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Deakin moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Tariff (British Preference) 1906*.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Deakin then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Customs Tariff (British Preference) 1906,'*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Deakin moved, by leave, 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, by leave, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

11th October, 1906.

26. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CUSTOMS TARIFF (BRITISH PREFERENCE) BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 40.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to Duties of Customs*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill as amended by the House at the request of the Senate.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 11th October, 1906.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

27. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—CUSTOMS TARIFF (BRITISH PREFERENCE) BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

NORTHCOTE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 20.

In accordance with section 58 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia the Governor-General returns to the House of Representatives a proposed law intituled "*An Act relating to Duties of Customs*," and known as the "*Customs Tariff (British Preference) 1906*," which has been presented to him for the King's Assent, and transmits herewith the following amendments, which he recommends to be made in the said proposed law.

Government House,
Melbourne, 11th October, 1906.

Amendments Recommended.

The Schedule, in the column headed "Duties," omit all words in the first and second sub-headings after the word "Kingdom".

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration forthwith.

Mr. Deakin moved, That the amendments recommended by His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

28. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CUSTOMS TARIFF (BRITISH PREFERENCE) BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 41.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Message of His Excellency the Governor-General recommending amendments in the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Customs*," together with a copy of the said Bill as presented by the Speaker to the Governor-General for assent, and acquaints the House that the Senate has disagreed to the amendments recommended by the Governor-General.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 11th October, 1906.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration forthwith.

Mr. Isaacs moved, That the amendments recommended by His Excellency the Governor-General, made by this House, and disagreed to by the Senate, be not insisted on.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

29. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—APPROPRIATION BILL 1906-7.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 42.

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 to the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and seven and to appropriate the supplies granted for such year in this session of the Parliament*," to which it has agreed without request.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 11th October, 1906.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

30. PAPER.—Mr. Isaacs presented by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Rabbit Destruction—Dr. Danysz's Experiments.—Report on Dr. Tidswell's experiments made with the Danysz virus for the destruction of Rabbits—by Dr. E. Angas Johnson and W. J. P. Giddings, honorary Commissioners for the South Australian Government.

Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.

31. ALTERATION OF TIME OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Isaacs moved, That the House at its rising adjourn until a quarter-past three o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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32. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Isaacs moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at thirty-six minutes past nine o'clock in the evening, adjourned until to-morrow at a quarter past three o'clock in the afternoon.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bamford, Mr. Batchelor, Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Conroy, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Fuller, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lee, Mr. Lonsdale, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McCay, Mr. McColl, Mr. Page, Mr. Poynton, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Storrer, Mr. Thomas, Mr. David Thomson, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Sir George Turner, Mr. Watson, Mr. Webster, Mr. Wilkinson, Mr. Wilks, Mr. Willis, and Mr. Wilson.

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