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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH

No. 19.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 4TH AUGUST, 1910.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. TASMANIA—SUBSIDY FOR CUSTOMS “LEAKAGE.”—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Jensen:—That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the State of Tasmania be granted a sum of Twenty-five thousand pounds yearly by the Commonwealth for a period of nine years to recoup the said State for the loss sustained in Customs leakage since the advent of Federation—
 Debate resumed.
 Mr. Frank J. Foster addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
 Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday next.
3. DECIMAL MONEY, WEIGHT, AND MEASURE SYSTEM.—Mr. G. B. Edwards moved, pursuant to notice, That, as the adoption of decimal systems of money, weight, and measures would be a great national reform, shortening the labour of computation in the operations of science, industry, commerce, and government, and giving a more effective education of children at a lower cost, the Government should seek the approval of the next Imperial Conference to such a reform of the British systems as would give a common decimal money, weight, and measure to the Empire; and, failing this, that the Commonwealth should proceed to the consideration of such a reform in Australia and invite the co-operation of the Dominion of New Zealand therein.
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. Kelly moved an amendment, That the word “and” after the word “Empire” in the sixth line be omitted.
 Question—That the word “and” proposed to be omitted, stand part of the question—put and passed.
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The House divided—

Ayes, 35.		Noes, 2.
Mr. Anstey	Mr. Parker Moloney	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Ozanne	Sir John Forrest
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Palmer	Mr. Kelly
Mr. Beard	Mr. Poynton	
Mr. Cann	Mr. Riley	
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Scullin ^o	
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Sinclair	
Mr. Cook	Mr. Laird Smith	
Mr. G. B. Edwards	Mr. Thomas	
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Thomson	
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Tudor	
Mr. Frazer	Mr. Watkins	
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Webster	
Mr. Greene	Mr. West	
Mr. Hughes		
Mr. Hans Irvine		
Mr. W. J. Johnson	<i>Tellers.</i>	
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Frank J. Foster	
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Hall	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 2.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act relating to Lighthouses, Lightships, Beacons, and Buoys,*" and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

H. TURLEY,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 4th August, 1910.

5. LIGHTHOUSES BILL.—Mr. Tudor moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PATENTS {TRADE MARKS AND DESIGNS BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 3.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act relating to the administration of the 'Patents Act 1903-1909,' the 'Trades Marks Act 1905,' and the 'Designs Act 1906,'*" and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

H. TURLEY,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 4th August, 1910.

7. PATENTS TRADE MARKS AND DESIGNS BILL.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—TRUST FUND ADVANCES BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 4.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to authorize a temporary advance from the Trust Fund to the Consolidated Revenue Fund,*" to which it has agreed without amendment.

H. TURLEY,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 4th August, 1910.

9. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Ordered—That Notice of Motion No. 2 be postponed until Thursday next.

10. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (1910).—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.

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(In the Committee.)

Clause 2 debated.

Paragraph (a) agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. Hughes sub-paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of paragraph (b) were numbered instead (i.), (ii.), and (iii.) respectively.

Paragraphs (b) and (c) agreed to.

Paragraph (d)—

Mr. Wise moved an amendment, That the words "omitting from the definition of 'Industry' the words 'excepting only persons engaged in domestic service, and persons engaged in agricultural, viticultural, horticultural, or dairying pursuits,' and " be omitted.

Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Archibald	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Beard	Mr. Ozanne
Mr. Cann	Mr. Riley
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Spence
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Frazer	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Hall	Mr. West
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Jensen	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. W. J. Johnson	Mr. Mathews
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Scullin

Noes, 15.

Mr. Cook	Mr. Sampson
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Thomson
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Wise
Mr. Hans Irvine	
Mr. W. H. Irvine	
Mr. Kelly	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Atkinson
Mr. Palmer	Mr. Greene

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Paragraph (d) agreed to.

Clause 3 debated and agreed to.

Clause 4 agreed to.

Clause 5 debated and agreed to.

Clause 6 agreed to.

Clause 7 debated and agreed to.

Clause 8 read.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

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

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at sixteen minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Brown, Mr. Carr, Mr. Catts, Mr. Chapman, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Finlayson, Mr. Groom, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hedges, Mr. Howe, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Page, and Mr. Salmon.

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