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TUESDAY, 23RD AUGUST, 1910.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITION.—Mr. Glynn presented a Petition from Telephone Subscribers in South Australia, praying that the House will see fit to suspend the operation of Telephone Regulation 7A, which places all telephones, except proprietary lines, on the Toll system from 1st September next, until the whole matter of the condition of the telephone service has been further considered, and particularly until the recommendations of the Postal Commission on the subject have been placed before Parliament.  
Petition received and read.
3. PAPERS.—Mr. Thomas presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Public Service Act—Postmaster-General's Department—Recommendation, &c., in case of promotion of E. P. Ramsay as Inspector, New South Wales.  
Mr. Fisher presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at Richmond, New South Wales—As a site for a Field Ambulance Depot.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1 be postponed until a later hour this day.
5. AUSTRALIAN NOTES BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—  
Debate resumed.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.  
Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

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 (*In the Committee.*)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3 read.

On the motion of Mr. Fisher, the following amendment was made in the clause:—After line 10 insert—“‘Bank note’ means a bill or note for the payment of money issued by a bank and payable to bearer on demand and intended for circulation :”

Mr. G. B. Edwards moved a further amendment, viz.:—After line 13 insert—

“‘The Currency Commission’ means a Commission constituted and incorporated for the purposes of this Act to consist of the Treasurer of the Commonwealth for the time being and two persons to be appointed by the Governor-General representative of the financial and commercial interests of the Commonwealth.”

Debate ensued.

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

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 The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

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

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6. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (1910).—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendments made by the Senate in this Bill—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

The Committee proceeded to further consider the amendments, which are as follow :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

No. 1.—Page 3, clause 7, line 8, after “amended” insert “—(a)”.

No. 2.—Page 3, clause 7, at end of clause add “and

(b) by adding thereto the following proviso :—‘Provided that a *bona fide* member or officer of an organization, or a *bona fide* employee of a party not being an organization, appearing in that capacity to represent the organization or party, shall not be deemed to be a counsel or solicitor or paid agent within the meaning of this section.’”

Consideration resumed on Senate Amendment No. 2, and on the amendment moved thereto by Mr. Cook, viz.:—At end of Senate’s Amendment add “provided that he receives no fee, honorarium, or reward for such service other than the usual payment to him as salary or wages.” Debate resumed.

Amendment to add words to Senate’s Amendment and motion to agree to Senate’s Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

On the motion of Mr. Hughes, the Committee disagreed to Amendment No. 2.

Resolution to be reported—That the Committee had agreed to Amendment No. 1, and had disagreed to Amendment No. 2.

The House resumed ; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

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

Mr. Hughes moved, That Mr. Anstey, Mr. Brown, and the Mover be appointed a Committee to draw up a Reason for the House of Representatives disagreeing to Amendment No. 2.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Hughes, on behalf of the Committee, brought up such Reason which was read and is as follows :—

The proviso is calculated to defeat the purposes of the amendment made by clause 7 of the Bill in section 27 of the Principal Act.

Mr. Hughes moved, That the Committee’s Reason be adopted.

Question—put and passed.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-five minutes past eleven 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. Carr, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Frank J. Foster, Mr. W. J. Johnson, Mr. O’Malley, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Spence, and Mr. Webster.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*