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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 74.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER, 1910.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. EMIGRATION BILL.—Mr. Batchelor moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to the Emigration from Australia of Young Persons and Aboriginal Natives. Question—put and passed. Mr. Batchelor then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it 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.
3. LAND TAX ASSESSMENT BILL—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the 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 consider the amendments, which are as follow :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

- No. 1.—Page 3, clause 3, line 15, leave out "Taxes", insert "Land Tax".
- No. 2.—Page 3, clause 4, line 17, leave out "Taxes", insert "Land Tax".
- No. 3.—Page 4, clause 8, line 20, after "powers" insert "or functions".
- No. 4.—Page 4, clause 8, line 21, after "powers" insert "or functions".
- No. 5.—Page 4, clause 8, line 26, after "power" insert "or function".
- No. 6.—Page 4, after clause 8, insert the following new clause :—
 - "8A.—(1.) The Commissioner shall furnish to the Treasurer Report by Commissioner. annually, for presentation to the Parliament, a report on the working of this Act.
 - (2.) In the report the Commissioner shall draw attention to any breaches or evasions of this Act which have come under his notice."
- No. 7.—Page 5, clause 11, lines 4 and 5, leave out "after the thirtieth day of June, but".
- No. 8.—Page 5, clause 12, lines 23 and 24, leave out "under a State Act relating to building societies", insert "as a building society under any Act or State Act".
- No. 9.—Page 5, clause 12, paragraph (g), after sub-paragraph (2) insert the following new sub-paragraph :—
 - "(2A) a building owned and occupied by a masonic society, or by a club or association of members of a trade or profession, not carried on for pecuniary profit ;"
- No. 10.—Page 7, clause 17, lines 4 and 5, leave out "and entered in assessment registers in the prescribed manner".
- No. 11.—Page 7, clause 18, line 15, leave out "and enter".
- No. 12.—Page 7, clause 19, line 30, leave out "register".
- No. 13.—Page 8, clause 21, line 7, leave out "or assessment register".
- No. 14.—Page 8, clause 22, lines 10 and 11, leave out "register, or of any entry made therein".
- No. 15.—Page 8, clause 22, line 12, leave out "or extract from the register", insert "an assessment".
- No. 16.—Page 8, clause 22, line 22, leave out "register".
- No. 17.—Page 8, clause 23, line 26, leave out "and entered in an assessment register".

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No. 18.—Page 8, clause 24, at end of clause add the following new sub-clause :—

“(2.) In this section ‘tenant for life’ includes—

Cf. 45-6 Vic. c. 38,
s. 68.

- (a) a tenant for the life of another ;
- (b) a tenant for his own or any other life whose estate is liable to cease in any event during that life ;
- (c) a person entitled to the income of land under a trust or direction for payment thereof to him during his own or any other life.”

No. 19.—Page 9, clause 27, line 20, after “who” insert “or whose predecessor in title”.

No. 20.—Page 9, clause 27, line 26, after “made” insert “or agreed to be made”.

No. 21.—Page 9, clause 27, line 30, after “Act” insert “entered into an agreement to make or”.

No. 22.—Page 10, clause 28, line 11, after “lands” insert “or relating to mining”.

No. 23.—Page 10, clause 29, line 15, after “lease” insert “or agreement for a lease”.

No. 24.—Page 10, clause 29, line 18, after “lease” insert “or agreement”.

No. 25.—Page 10, clause 29, line 24, after “lease” insert “or agreement”.

No. 26.—Page 11, clause 32, lines 10 and 11, leave out “by reason of joint occupation or otherwise”, insert “for any reason”.

No. 27.—Page 11, clause 32, lines 16 and 17, leave out “by reason of joint occupation or for any other”, insert “for any”.

No. 28.—Page 11, clause 32, leave out the last proviso, lines 33-45, insert the following new sub-clause :—

“(2.) A trustee shall in no case be deemed to be an absentee ; but any of the beneficiaries who are absentees shall be separately assessed and liable as absentees.”

No. 29.—Page 11, after clause 32 insert the following new clause :—

“32A. Where under a settlement made before the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and ten, or under the will of a testator who died before that day, land is charged with an annuity—

Land charged
with annuity
under settlement
or will before
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- (a) the value of the annuity shall be calculated according to the prescribed tables for the calculation of values ; and
- (b) there shall be deducted from the unimproved value of the land a sum which bears the same proportion to the value of the annuity as the unimproved value of the land bears to its improved value.”

No. 30.—Page 14, clause 39, lines 20 and 21, leave out “and shall not be deemed to be occupied by them jointly”.

No. 31.—Page 22, clause 64, line 27, leave out “roll”.

Amendments Nos. 1 to 8 agreed to, after debate.

Amendment No. 9 read.

On the motion of Mr. Hughes the amendment was amended as follows, after debate :—

Line 1, omit “masonic” and omit “or by a”.

Mr. Fenton moved the following further amendment :—

Line 1, omit “club”.

Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 32.

Noes, 12.

Mr. Archibald	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Batchelor	Mr. Ozanne
Mr. Cann	Mr. Riley
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Deakin	Mr. Salmon
Mr. R. Edwards	Mr. Sampson
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Frazer	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Spence
Mr. Greene	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Groom	Mr. Thomson
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Kelly	
Mr. Livingston	<i>Tellers.</i>
Sir William Lyne	Mr. Hall
Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Watkins

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Webster
Mr. G. B. Edwards	Mr. West
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Wise
Mr. Finlayson	
Mr. Howe	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McDougall	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Palmer	Mr. McWilliams

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

On the motion of Mr. Hughes, the following further amendment was made :—

Line 2, omit “of members of a trade or profession”.

Amendment, as amended, agreed to.

Amendments Nos. 10 to 31 agreed to.

Resolutions to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

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

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4. **POSTAL RATES BILL.**—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.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 again read, and agreed to.

Clause 2 read.

Mr. Cook moved the following amendment:—

Lines 10 and 11, omit "a day to be fixed by proclamation" and insert "the first day of January, 1911".

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Mathews moved the following amendment:—

Line 10, after "on" insert "the first day of January, 1915, provided that until that date the rate of postage shall be Twopence throughout Australia."

Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 5.

Mr. Fenton	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Mathews
Mr. McDougall	Mr. McWilliams

Noes, 45.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Mahon
Mr. Batchelor	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Cann	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Catts	Mr. Riley
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Salmon
Mr. Cook	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Deakin	Mr. Scullin
Mr. G. B. Edwards	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. R. Edwards	Mr. Bruce Smith
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Spence
Sir John Forrèst	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Frank J. Foster	Mr. Thomson
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Webster
Mr. Glynn	Mr. West
Mr. Greene	Mr. Wynne
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Hedges	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hughes	Mr. W. Elliot Johnson
Mr. W. H. Irvine	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Kelly	

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Higgs moved the following amendment:—

Line 10, after "on" insert "the first day of January, 1912".

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 5.

Mr. Anstey	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Fenton
Mr. McDougall	Mr. McWilliams

Noes, 43.

Mr. Archibald	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Batchelor	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Cann	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Catts	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Riley
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Cook	Mr. Salmon
Mr. Deakin	Mr. Sampson
Mr. G. B. Edwards	Mr. Scullin
Mr. R. Edwards	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Bruce Smith
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Frank J. Foster	Mr. Spence
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Thomson
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Greene	Mr. Webster
Mr. Groom	Mr. West
Mr. Hedges	
Mr. Howe	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hughes	Mr. W. Elliot Johnson
Mr. Livingston	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Mahon	

And so it was negatived.

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Mr. Cook moved the following amendment :—

Line 10, after " on " insert " the first day of January, 1911 ".

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

Ayes, 18.		Noes, 29.	
Mr. Cook	Mr. Palmer	Mr. Anstey	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Deakin	Mr. Salmon	Mr. Archibald	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. R. Edwards	Mr. Sampson	Mr. Batchelor	Mr. O'Malley
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Sinclair	Mr. Cann	Mr. Riley
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Bruce Smith	Mr. Catts	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Thomson	Mr. Chanter	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Greene		Mr. Charlton	Mr. Spence
Mr. Groom	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. G. B. Edwards	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Hedges	Mr. Fowler	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Livingston	Mr. W. Elliot Johnson	Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Webster
		Mr. Frank J. Foster	Mr. West
		Mr. Higgs	
		Mr. Howe	
		Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Mahon	Mr. Scullin
		Mr. McDougali	Mr. Watkins

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 3 agreed to.

Clause 4 read.

Mr. Webster moved the following amendment :—

Line 7, after " within " insert " any State of ".

Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 9.		Noes, 38.	
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Batchelor	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Bamford		Sir Robert Best	Mr. Mahon
Mr. Fenton	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Cann	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Roberts	Mr. Catts	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Howe	Mr. Webster	Mr. Chanter	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Jensen		Mr. Charlton	Mr. Riley
		Mr. Cook	Mr. Scullin
		Mr. Deakin	Mr. Sinclair
		Mr. G. B. Edwards	Mr. Bruce Smith
		Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Laird Smith
		Sir John Forrest	Mr. Spence
		Mr. Frank J. Foster	Mr. Thomas
		Mr. Fowler	Mr. Thomson
		Mr. Frazer	Mr. Tudor
		Mr. Fuller	Mr. West
		Mr. Glynn	Mr. Wise
		Mr. Greene	
		Mr. Groom	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Hedges	Mr. W. Elliot Johnson
		Mr. Hughes	Mr. Watkins

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 5 agreed to.

Clause 6 read.

Debate ensued.

On the motion of Mr. Thomas the following amendments were made :—

Line 4 of first column—Omit " AND BOOKS ".

After the item as so amended insert the following new items :—

" BOOKS PUBLISHED AND PRINTED OUTSIDE AUSTRALIA | ½d. per 2 ounces or part of 2 ounces ;
BOOKS PUBLISHED AND PRINTED IN AUSTRALIA ... | ¾d. per 8 ounces or part of 8 ounces. "

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

Mr. Thomas moved, pursuant to contingent notice given by Mr. Hughes, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Mr. Thomas the House adopted the Report and the Bill was read a third time.

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5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That Order of the Day, No. 3 be postponed until to-morrow.
6. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT (ADMINISTRATION) BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. O'Malley moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Salmon 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 to-morrow.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—LAND TAX ASSESSMENT 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 the Imposition, Assessment, and Collection of a Land Tax upon Unimproved Values,*" and acquaints the House of Representatives that the Senate has agreed to the amendments of the House of Representatives upon amendment No. 9 of the Senate.

H. TURLEY,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 9th November, 1910.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Batchelor moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at a quarter to 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. Atkinson, Mr. Beard, Mr. Brown, Mr. Carr, Mr. Fisher, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hans Irvine, Mr. Page, and Sir John Quick.

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