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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 77.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER, 1910.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ADJOURNMENT.—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Hedges rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The most unsatisfactory position of the Commonwealth in regard to the installation of Wireless Telegraphy."
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—
Mr. Hedges moved, That the House do now adjourn, and not having, in compliance with Standing Order No. 39, concluded his speech within half-an-hour, the honorable Member was, by leave of the House, allowed to continue his speech for an additional quarter of an hour.
Mr. Thomas, addressing the House, and not having, in compliance with Standing Order No. 39, concluded his speech within fifteen minutes, the honorable Member was, by leave of the House, allowed to continue his speech for an additional quarter of an hour, and later for a few minutes more.
Debate continued.
It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the motion for the adjournment of the House was put and negatived.
3. PAPERS.—Mr. Thomas presented, pursuant to Statute—
Post and Telegraph Act—
Regulations Amended (Provisional)—
General—Sunday Arrangements—Postal—Statutory Rules 1910, No. 97.
Money Orders, Office Hours—Statutory Rules 1910, No. 102.
4. NOTICE OF MOTION WITHDRAWN.—On the motion of Mr. Tudor, Notice of Motion No. 1 was withdrawn.
5. DEFENCE BILL (1910).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Hughes moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
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 to 3 agreed to.

Clause 4 read.

Mr. Kelly moved the following amendment:—

At end of clause add—

“21. c. (1.) Officers of the rank of major and upwards on the active list of the Commonwealth Military Forces at the time this Act becomes law shall within two years of the passing of this Act demonstrate to the Inspector-General, or to some officer appointed by him for the purpose, their practical fitness for their commands.

(2.) Officers, as above, failing to comply with the provisions of this section shall be ineligible to hold any rank on the active list of the Commonwealth Forces higher than that of captain.”

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 5 and 6 agreed to.

Clause 7 read.

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

Add new paragraph—

“(cc) Ministers of Religion ; and”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 8, 9, and 10 agreed to.

Clause 11 read.

Mr. Kelly moved the following amendment:—

At end of clause add—

“and to members of Rifle Clubs”.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—*put*.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 10.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Salmon
Mr. Cook	Mr. Bruce Smith
Sir John Forrest	
Mr. Groom	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Palmer	Mr. Kelly
Sir John Quick	Mr. Thomson

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Mr. Archibald	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Batchelor	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Cann	Mr. Spence
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Frazer	Mr. Webster
Mr. Howe	Mr. West
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Wise
Mr. Mahon	
Mr. Parker Moloney	
Mr. O'Malley	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Ozanne	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Riley	Mr. Watkins

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Cook moved the following amendment:—

At end of clause add—

“and to junior cadets uniforms shall be supplied as prescribed”.

Debate ensued.

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.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—*put* and passed.

And then the House, at twenty minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, 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. Beard, Mr. Brown, Mr. Carr, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Fisher, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Hall, Mr. Jensen, Mr. W. Elliot Johnson, Mr. W. J. Johnson, Mr. Page, and Mr. Sinclair.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.