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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH

No. 20.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FRIDAY, 6TH OCTOBER, 1911.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. POST AND TELEGRAPH RATES BILL (1911).—Mr. Thomas moved, pursuant to notice, *amended*, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Post and Telegraph Rates Act 1902-1910*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Thomas 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 Tuesday next.
3. KALGOORLIE TO PORT AUGUSTA RAILWAY 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 3 further considered.

Debate resumed on the amendment moved by Mr. Chanter, viz. :—

At end of clause add—

“(3) In order to partially recoup the Commonwealth for the capital expenditure involved in the construction of the railway it shall be a further condition precedent to the work being entered upon that the States of Western Australia and South Australia respectively shall reserve from sale and vest in the Commonwealth all the Crown lands in alternate sections of ten miles square on both sides of the line as ultimately adopted (inclusive of the reservations required under the previous sub-section) along its whole length throughout the territories of the respective States. Provided also that no land shall be so granted within ten miles of the terminal points of the line.”

Question—That the new sub-clause proposed to be added to clause 3 be so added—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 13.

Mr. Catts	Mr. Webster
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Wise
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Wynne
Mr. Mathews	
Mr. Ozanne	
Mr. Ryrie	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Bruce Smith	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Laird Smith	Mr. Kelly

Noes, 32.

Mr. Archibald	Mr. Jensen
Mr. Bamford	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Batchelor	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Page
Mr. Cann	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Riley
Mr. Cook	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Sinclair
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Thomas
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Thomson
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Frazer	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Glynn	
Mr. Groom	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hedges	Mr. Frank J. Foster
Mr. Howe	Mr. Greene

And so it was negatived.

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Mr. W. Elliot Johnson moved the following amendment:—

At end of clause add—

“(3.) The construction of the line through Western Australia shall be conditional upon the reservation from alienation of lands on each side of the Railway in terms of the resolution passed by the Western Australian Government on 26th October, 1904, and the ratification of the undertaking given by the Western Australian Government, dated 18th May, 1904, to bear for a period of ten years after the construction of the line a share of any loss resulting therefrom: And shall be further conditional upon similar undertakings being given by the Government of South Australia.”

Debate ensued.

Question—That the new sub-clause proposed to be added to clause 3 be so added—put and negatived.

Mr. Joseph Cook moved the following amendment:—

At end of clause add—

“(3) Before the construction of the line is entered upon the State Governments of South Australia and Western Australia respectively shall agree to contribute annually, for a period of twenty years, out of the land values created by the construction of the railway, such sums as may be agreed upon towards recouping the Commonwealth for any loss incurred in the working and maintenance of the said railway.”

Debate ensued.

Question—That the new sub-clause proposed to be added to clause 3 be so added—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 15.		Noes, 28.	
Mr. Catts	Mr. Ryrie	Mr. Archibald	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Bruce Smith	Mr. Batchelor	Mr. Page
Mr. Cook	Mr. Wise	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riley
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Wynne	Mr. Cann	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Fenton		Mr. Charlton	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Mathews		Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. McWilliams	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Fisher	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Ozann	Mr. Greene	Sir John Forrest	Mr. Thomson
Mr. Palmer	Mr. W. Elliot Johnson	Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Tudor
		Mr. Fowler	Mr. Watkins
		Mr. Frazer	Mr. Webster
		Mr. Glynn	
		Mr. Groom	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Howe	Mr. Frank J. Foster
		Mr. W. J. Johnson	Mr. Scullin

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Finlayson moved the following amendment:—

At end of clause add—

“(3) The construction of the railway shall not be commenced until the States of Western Australia and South Australia respectively have agreed to bring the existing railway lines between Kalgoorlie and Fremantle, and between Port Augusta and Adelaide, into uniformity with the gauge of the railway between Kalgoorlie and Port Augusta.”

Debate ensued.

Question—That the new sub-clause proposed to be added to clause 3 be so added—put and negatived.

Mr. Palmer moved the following amendment:—

At end of clause add—

“(3) That the State of South Australia and the State of Western Australia be required to vest in trustees areas of land contiguous to the railway sufficient to produce an annual revenue to meet the annual loss upon the working of the line. Any revenue derived from the land so vested in excess of the annual loss to revert to the State to which the areas belong.”

Question—That the new sub-clause proposed to be added to clause 3 be so added—put and negatived.

Clause 3 further debated, and agreed to.

Clause 4 debated, and agreed to.

Clause 5 read.

Mr. Glynn moved the following amendment:—

Line 22, after “be” insert “five feet three inches or”.

Debate ensued.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 5.

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

The Senate,
Melbourne, 6th October, 1911.

H. TURLEY,
President.

5. NAVIGATION 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 Tuesday next.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—STATUTORY DECLARATIONS BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 6.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to Statutory Declarations*," to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 6th October, 1911.

H. TURLEY,
President.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at three minutes to four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Brown, Mr. Carr, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Deakin, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Hall, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Livingston, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Mahon, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. McDougall, Mr. Parker Moloney, Sir John Quick, Mr. Sampson, Mr. Spence, and Mr. West.

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