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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 27.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 19TH OCTOBER, 1911.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITION.—Mr. Brown presented a Petition from officers of the Commonwealth Public Service, resident and employed in all the States, in reference to the declared intention of the Government to amend the Public Service Act so as to allow officers of the Commonwealth service to avail themselves of the provisions of the Conciliation and Arbitration Act, and praying that Parliament will not proceed to so amend the Public Service Act.
Petition read.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Ordered—That Notice of Motion No. 1 be postponed until Thursday, 9th November next.
4. MILITARY FORCES—PAY AND ALLOWANCES—SELECT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Ryrie moved, pursuant to notice—
 - (1) That a Select Committee (with power to send for persons and papers) be appointed to inquire into the pay and allowances of the warrant, non-commissioned officers, and men of the Permanent Military Forces of the Commonwealth.
 - (2) That such Committee consist of Mr. Charlton, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Mathews, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Bruce Smith, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Roberts moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Anstey	Sir William Lyne
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Mahon
Mr. Brennan	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Brown	Mr. McDougall
Mr. Cann	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Carr	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Catts	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Frank J. Foster	
Mr. Frazer	
Mr. Higgs	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jensen	Mr. Page
Mr. W. J. Johnson	Mr. Riley

Noes, 17.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Ryrie
Mr. Cook	Mr. Salmon
Mr. Deakin	Mr. Sampson
Mr. R. Edwards	Mr. Sinclair
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Wynne
Mr. Fowler	
Mr. Glynn	
Mr. Groom	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. W. Elliot Johnson	Mr. Greene
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Thomson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 2nd November next.

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5. CADETS' VISIT TO ENGLAND—SELECT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Ryrie moved, pursuant to notice, That a Select Committee of seven Members of this House be appointed to inquire into and report upon the whole of the circumstances connected with the visit of the Australian Cadets to England ; such Committee to have power to send for persons and papers.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Thomson moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 2nd November next.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day, General Business, No. 1, be postponed until Thursday next, and that Order of the Day, General Business, No. 2, be postponed until Thursday, 2nd November next.
7. NATIONALIZATION OF DISTRIBUTION.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Frank J. Foster :—

- (1) That, in the opinion of this House, in order

To effectively and economically organize distribution of products in Australian markets, and Australian products in foreign markets,

To abolish the waste of the unnecessary middlemen,

To secure fair and reasonable prices to Australian producers,

To secure imported and Australian products to Australian consumers at reasonable prices,

To extend the consumption of Australian products in Australian and in foreign markets,

To abolish adulteration,

To safeguard foods and clothing, &c., against infection or contamination,

To improve the quality of Australian products,

To abolish trusts, combines, and monopolies in Australia, and their influence on Australian commerce,

To decentralize Australia through commercial channels, with a view to its more effective occupation and defence,

To be prepared with organized food and other supplies in time of war,

To lay by sufficient stores to carry the Australian people through times of drought and scarcity,

To establish an honest currency, based on goods and services,

To effectively secure the new protection,

it is desirable to nationalize distribution.

- (2) That necessary power to carry out the provisions of the foregoing resolution be sought through a referendum of the people at the next general election of the Federal Parliament—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Frazer moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 2nd November next.

8. DEFENCE—ARMED FOREIGN MERCHANT SHIPS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Kelly :—

- (1) That this House is of opinion that action should be taken to discourage trading in Australian waters by such foreign merchant ships as are capable of immediate conversion into commerce destroyers upon the outbreak of war.

- (2) That the above resolution be sent to the Senate for its concurrence—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Cook moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

9. BANKING COMPANIES RESERVE LIABILITIES 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. Greene, viz. :—

Line 1, omit all the words after the word "profits", with a view to inserting—

"shall not include—

(a) any sums arising from the realization of assets which are properly applicable to the replacement of capital ;

(b) any sum arising from the conversion of any portion of other reserves ; or

(c) any sums which under the circumstances ought to be set aside to meet liabilities direct or contingent."

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

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Mr. Greene moved the following amendment :—

Line 1, omit all the words of the clause after the word "means" with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof "profits which may lawfully be distributed as dividends".

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

The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, on Thursday, 9th November next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

10. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (1911).—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—*and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Deakin, viz* :—That all the words after the word "That" be omitted from the motion with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof :— "no measure the effect of which will be to concentrate in any one person the control of all the conditions of carrying on all the industries of this continent can be other than impracticable and fraught with danger to the whole community"—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Groom moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

11. POST AND TELEGRAPH RATES BILL (1911).—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole House on this Bill—

Mr. Thomas moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clause 2.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Clause 2—

On the motion of Mr. Thomas the clause was amended by omitting the word "definition", in line 3 (page 2), and inserting the word "definitions" in place thereof.

On the motion of Mr. Thomas the clause was further amended by omitting from lines 6 and 7 the words "wholly set up, printed and published in Australia for sale" and inserting in place thereof the words "wholly set up and printed in Australia, and published for sale".

Mr. Page moved a further amendment, That the words "and from paper made in Australia" be inserted after the inserted word "sale".

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

On the motion of Mr. Thomas the clause was further amended by omitting from lines 15 and 16 the words "printed and published outside Australia for sale" and inserting in place thereof the words "not wholly set up and printed in Australia, and published for sale".

On the motion of Mr. Thomas the clause was further amended by omitting "(c)" from the last paragraph and inserting in the second column before "½d." the words "For each catalogue".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with further amendments.

The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

Mr. Thomas moved, That the Bill be again recommitted for the further reconsideration of clause 2.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Clause 2—

On the motion of Mr. Thomas the words "and consisting of writings or articles on current topics, fiction, religious, technical, scientific, or practical subjects" were omitted from paragraph (a) and also from paragraph (b) of the definition of "Magazines".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with further amendments.

The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Thomas, by leave, the House adopted the Reports, and the Bill was read a third time.

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

And then the House, at fifteen minutes 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. Fuller, Mr. Livingston, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Ozanne, Mr. Palmer, Sir John Quick, and Mr. Webster.

WALTER A. GALE,
Clerk Assistant,
for Clerk of the House of Representatives.