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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 49.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER, 1911.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. Fisher presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 Naval College—Reports by Captain B. M. Chambers dealing with Sites for.
 Ordered to lie on the Table.
 Mr. Thomas presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Papua—Ordinances of 1911—
 No. 13.—Currency.
 No. 16.—Survey Marks.
 No. 21.—Customs Duties Amending.
 Mr. Roberts presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Defence Act—Regulations Amended (Provisional)—
 Universal Training—No. 58A—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 188.
 Military Forces—
 Nos. 513-555—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 186
 No. 1—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 187.
 Nos. 558 (b), 560—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 189.
 No. 60—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 190.
 Financial and Allowance—
 No. 46—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 191.
3. ADDITIONAL DAY AND ALTERATION OF HOUR OF MEETING.—Mr. Fisher moved, pursuant to notice, That the House, for the remainder of the Session, unless otherwise ordered, meet on each Monday at Three o'clock p.m., and that the time of meeting on each Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday be half-past Ten o'clock a.m.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.
4. ARBITRATION (PUBLIC SERVICE) BILL.—Mr. Hughes moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration and the Public Service of the Commonwealth.
 Question—put and passed.

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5. COMMONWEALTH BANK 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, after debate, agreed to.
 Clauses 2 and 3 agreed to.
 Clause 4 debated.
 Mr. Fisher moved an amendment, That the word "Bank" be inserted after the word "the" (first occurring) in line 4.
 Debate continued.
 Question—That the word proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put and negatived.
 Clause agreed to.
 Clause 5 debated and agreed to.
 Clause 6 agreed to.
 Clause 7 debated and agreed to.
 Clause 8 agreed to.
 Clause 9 debated and agreed to.
 Clause 10 debated.
 Mr. Fisher moved an amendment, That the following words be added at the end of the clause :—
 "together with interest at the rate of three and a half per centum per annum."
 Debate continued.
 Amendment agreed to.
 Clause, as amended, agreed to.
 Clause 11 debated.
 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. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—ELECTORAL BILL (1911).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 13.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to amend the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1902-1909,*" and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

H. TURLEY,
 President.

The Senate,
 Melbourne, 28th November, 1911.

7. ELECTORAL BILL (1911).—Mr. O'Malley 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 to-morrow.
8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-one minutes past ten 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. Brennan, Mr. Catts, Mr. Cook, Mr. Finlayson, Mr. Frazer, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Jensen, Mr. W. Elliot Johnson, Sir William Lyne, and Mr. McDougall.

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