

1911.

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 59.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 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. LOAN BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 25—  
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

*(In the Committee.)*

Mr. Fisher moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the raising and expending of the sum of Two million four hundred and sixty thousand four hundred and seventy-six pounds for construction of a Railway from Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta, for the acquisition of land in the Federal Capital Territory, for the purchase of land and erection of buildings in London, for the redemption of loans raised by the Government of South Australia in connexion with the Northern Territory which are redeemable by the Commonwealth, and to pay to the State of South Australia amount expended from Revenue towards construction of Railway from Port Augusta to Oodnadatta.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Bamford moved an amendment, That the words "for the acquisition of land in the Federal Capital Territory," be omitted from the motion.

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put and passed.

Original motion agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

Mr. O'Malley moved, pursuant to contingent notice given by Mr. Fisher, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was, on the motion of Mr. Fisher, adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. O'Malley and Mr. Hughes do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. O'Malley 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.

Mr. O'Malley 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.)*

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2.

Mr. Wise moved an amendment, That the words "under the provisions of the *Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Act 1911*" be inserted before the word "borrow" in line 5.

Amendment agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 3 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

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

## 3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—COMMONWEALTH BANK BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

*Message No. 26.*

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for a Commonwealth Bank*," to which it has agreed with the amendments indicated in the annexed Schedule, in which amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

H. TURLEY,  
President.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 15th December, 1911.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration forthwith.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments made by the Senate, which are as follow:—

## SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

No. 1.—Page 3, clause 19, line 31, leave out "of", insert "for".

No. 2.—Page 4, clause 21, line 1, after "place" insert "within the Commonwealth".

No. 3.—Page 8, clause 48, leave out this clause.

Amendments Nos. 1 and 2, on the motion of Mr. Fisher, agreed to.

Amendment No. 3—

Mr. Fisher moved, That the amendment be disagreed to.

Debate ensued.

Mr. W. Maloney moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

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

Ordered—That the further consideration of the Senate's amendment No. 3 be made an Order of the Day for Monday next.

## 4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Monday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Chapman, Mr. Cook, Sir John Forrest, Mr. Hans Irvine, Mr. Scullin, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Thomson, and Mr. Wynne.

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