

1911.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 60.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MONDAY, 18TH DECEMBER, 1911.

1. The House met at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PACIFIC CABLE BILL.—Mr. Frazer moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to authorize the Pacific Cable Board to construct and work a Submarine Cable between New Zealand and Australia as part of the Pacific Cable.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Frazer 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. Frazer moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
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.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 agreed to.
Clauses 2 and 3 debated and agreed to.
Title agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Frazer, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

3. SUPPLY [ESTIMATES, 1911-12].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Division No. 1—
[The First Item having been agreed to, *see* page 115 *ante*]—
Remainder of Division debated and agreed to.
Divisions Nos. 2, 3, and 4 debated and agreed to.
Divisions Nos. 5 to 9 agreed to.
Division No. 10 debated and agreed to.
Division No. 11.

Subdivision No. 1.—Salaries.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Anstey moved an amendment, That Item 1, Secretary to Prime Minister, £520, be reduced by £50.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amount proposed to be reduced be so reduced—put.

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The Committee divided—

Ayes, 3.

Mr. Anstey

Tellers.

Mr. Catts

Mr. Webster

Noes, 32

Mr. Brennan

Mr. O'Malley

Mr. Brown

Mr. Ozanne

Mr. Cann

Sir John Quick

Mr. Chanter

Mr. Riley

Mr. Cook

Mr. Roberts

Mr. Deakin

Mr. Scullin

Mr. Fenton

Mr. Sinclair

Mr. Fisher

Mr. Laird Smith

Mr. Fowler

Mr. Spence

Mr. Fuller

Mr. Thomas

Mr. Greene

Mr. Tudor

Mr. Groom

Mr. West

Mr. Higgs

Mr. Wise

Mr. Hughes

Mr. W. J. Johnson

Tellers.

Mr. Mahon

Mr. W. Elliot Johnson

Mr. Parker Moloney

Mr. Watkins

And so it was negatived.

Division agreed to.

Divisions No. 12 and 13 agreed to.

Divisions Nos. 14 to 17 debated and agreed to.

Divisions Nos. 18 and 19 agreed to.

Division No. 20 debated and agreed to.

Divisions Nos. 21, 22, and 23 agreed to.

Divisions Nos. 24 and 25 debated and agreed to.

Division No. 26 agreed to.

Divisions Nos. 27 and 28 debated and agreed to.

Division No. 29 agreed to.

Division No. 30 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.

4. PUBLIC SERVICE BILL (1911).—Mr. Fisher moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Public Service Act* 1902–1909, in relation to the Permanent Staff List, the Classification of the Clerical Division, New Appointments to that Division, the Suspension of Officers, and the granting of Furlough.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Fisher 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 to-morrow.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-two 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. Archibald, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Charlton, Sir John Forrest, Mr. Frank J. Foster, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Hall, Mr. Hans Irvine, Mr. Livingston, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Page, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Ryrie, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Thomson, and Mr. Wynne.

WALTER A. GALE,

*Clerk Assistant,**for Clerk of the House of Representatives.*