

1911.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 61.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 19TH 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. "VEND" CASES—WITNESSES' EXPENSES.—Mr. W. Elliot Johnson moved, pursuant to notice, That a Return be prepared and laid upon the Table of the House showing the total amount paid in the Vend cases for witnesses' expenses, and the amount paid to each witness.
Objection having been taken to the motion being treated as unopposed, it ceased to have precedence.
3. SUPPLY [ESTIMATES 1911-1912, SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS, ETC., 1909-10, AND MOTION FOR SUPPLY 1912-13].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Division No. 30 further debated and agreed to.
 Division No. 31 agreed to.
 Division No. 32 debated and agreed to.
 Divisions Nos. 33, 34, and 35 agreed to.
 Divisions Nos. 36 and 37 debated and agreed to.
 Divisions Nos. 38 to 41 agreed to.
 Division No. 42 debated and agreed to.
 Divisions Nos. 43 and 44 agreed to.
 Division No. 45 debated and agreed to.
 Divisions Nos. 46 and 47 agreed to.
 Division No. 48 debated and agreed to.
 Divisions Nos. 48A, 48B, and 48C agreed to.
 Division No. 49 debated and agreed to.
 Division No. 50 debated.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after midnight—

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Division No. 50 further debated and agreed to.
 Divisions Nos. 51 to 71 inclusive agreed to.
 Division No. 72—Instructional Staff—£127,732—
 Mr. Cook moved an amendment, That the amount be reduced by £1.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—That the amount proposed to be reduced be so reduced—put.

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The Committee divided—

Ayes, 5.		Noes, 31.	
Mr. Carr	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Anstey	Mr. McDougall
Mr. Cook	Mr. Greene	Mr. Archibald	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Webster	Mr. W. Elliot Johnson	Mr. Bamford	Mr. O'Malley
		Mr. Brennan	Mr. Ozanne
		Mr. Brown	Mr. Riley
		Mr. Cann	Mr. Roberts
		Mr. Catts	Mr. Sinclair
		Mr. Charlton	Mr. Laird Smith
		Mr. Fenton	Mr. Thomas
		Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Tudor
		Mr. Fisher	Mr. West
		Mr. Frank J. Foster	Mr. Wise
		Mr. Frazer	
		Mr. Howe	
		Mr. W. J. Johnson	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Scullin
		Mr. Mathews	Mr. Watkins

And so it passed in the negative.

Division agreed to.

Divisions Nos. 73 to 80 agreed to.

Division No. 81 debated and agreed to.

Divisions Nos. 82 to 103 agreed to.

Divisions Nos. 104 and 105 debated and agreed to.

Divisions Nos. 106 to 111 agreed to.

Division No. 112 debated and agreed to.

ESTIMATES, 1911-12.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Fisher—That the following Resolution be reported to the House:—That, including the several sums already voted in this and the last preceding Session of Parliament for such services, there be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1911-12, for the several services hereunder specified, sums not exceeding in each case the following amounts, viz. :—

	£
i. The Parliament	33,990
ii. The Department of Prime Minister	24,457
iii. The Department of the Treasury	860,495
Australian Note Issue Branch	2,520
Stamp Printing	2,449
Refunds of Revenue	200,000
Advance to the Treasurer	400,000
iv. The Attorney-General's Department	44,926
v. The Department of External Affairs	529,414
vi. The Department of Defence	1,827,615
vii. The Department of Trade and Customs	355,881
viii. The Department of Home Affairs	386,457
ix. The Postmaster-General's Department	3,827,160

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1909-10.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Fisher, after debate—That the following further sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1909-10, for the several services hereunder specified, viz. :—

	£
i. The Parliament	998
ii. The Department of External Affairs	12,828
iii. The Attorney-General's Department	22
iv. The Department of Home Affairs	21,090
v. The Department of the Treasury	16,864
Stamp Printing	12
vi. The Department of Trade and Customs	3,427
vii. The Department of Defence	12,252
viii. The Postmaster-General's Department	28,322

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1909-10.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Fisher—That there be granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1909-10, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., a further sum not exceeding £69,108.

SUPPLY, 1912-13.

Mr. Fisher moved—That a sum not exceeding Three hundred thousand pounds be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year ending 30th June, 1913.

Debate ensued—Motion not further proceeded with.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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4. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.**—Mr. Fisher moved, That the Standing Orders be suspended in order to enable the Report stages and the several consequent financial Bills to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

And the Resolutions reported from the Committee of Supply were read, and, on the motion of Mr. Fisher, were adopted by the House.

5. **WAYS AND MEANS [ESTIMATES 1911-12, SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS, ETC., 1909-10.]**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

ESTIMATES, 1911-12.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Fisher—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1911-12, a sum not exceeding Four million one hundred and seventy thousand and twelve pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1909-10.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Fisher, after debate—That towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year ended 30th June, 1910, a sum not exceeding Ninety-five thousand eight hundred and fifteen pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1909-10.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Fisher—That towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year ended 30th June, 1910, a sum not exceeding Sixty-nine thousand one hundred and eight pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Resolutions reported from the Committee were read and, on the motion of Mr. Fisher, were adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Fisher and Mr. Hughes do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

6. **APPROPRIATION BILL 1911-12.**—Mr. Fisher then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twelve and to appropriate the Supplies granted for such year in this and the last preceding session of the Parliament,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Fisher moved, 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.)

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.

First Schedule debated and agreed to.

Second Schedule agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without 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.

7. **SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 1909-10.**—Mr. Fisher also brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and ten,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Fisher moved, 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.

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(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.
 Schedule agreed to.
 Preamble agreed to.
 Title agreed to.
 Bill to be reported without 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.

8. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1909-10.—Mr. Fisher also brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and ten for purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
 Mr. Fisher moved, 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.)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.
 Schedule debated and agreed to.
 Preamble agreed to.
 Title agreed to.
 Bill to be reported without 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.

9. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker:—

(Arbitration (Public Service) Bill)—

DENMAN,

Governor-General.

Message No. 26.

A Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration and the Public Service of the Commonwealth,*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
 Melbourne, 18th December, 1911.

(Land Tax Assessment Bill 1911)—

DENMAN,

Governor-General.

Message No. 27.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Land Tax Assessment Act 1910,'*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
 Melbourne, 18th December, 1911.

(Seamen's Compensation Bill 1911)—

DENMAN,

Governor-General.

Message No. 28.

A Bill intituled "*An Act relating to compensation to Seamen for injuries suffered in the course of their employment,*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
 Melbourne, 18th December, 1911.

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10. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PACIFIC CABLE BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

Message No. 28.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the 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,*" to which it has agreed without amendment.

H. TURLEY,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 20th December, 1911.

11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the intervening Orders of the Day be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 11 (Government Business).
12. TELEGRAPHS AND TELEPHONES SPECIAL WORKS ACCOUNT 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. 18—
- Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Frazer, after debate—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the expending of moneys paid into the Trust Fund Telegraphs and Telephones Special Works Account.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

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

Question—put and passed.

And the said Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

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

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, 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.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 3 and 4 agreed to.

Schedule 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 the Bill was read a third time.

13. COMMONWEALTH BANK BILL—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of the Amendments made by the Senate in this Bill (*see page 188 ante*)—

Debate resumed on Mr. Fisher's motion, That amendment No. 3 be disagreed to.

Amendments Nos. 1 and 2 already agreed to (*see page 188, ante*)—

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.

Motion—That Amendment No. 3 be disagreed to—by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Fisher moved—That Amendment No. 3 be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

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14. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL (1911).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 27.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to Duties of Customs*," and requests the House to amend the Bill as set forth in the annexed Schedule.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 20th December, 1911.

H. TURLEY,
President.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration in the Committee of the Whole at a later hour this day.

15. COMMONWEALTH INSCRIBED STOCK BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Fisher 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.

(*In the Committee.*)

Clauses 1 to 4 agreed to.

Clause 5 debated and, on the motion of Mr. Fisher, amended by the omission of the words "Four pounds" and the insertion of the words "Three pounds ten shillings" in place thereof.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 6 to 11 agreed to.

Clause 12 amended, on the motion of Mr. Fisher, by the omission of the words "paid into the Commonwealth Public Account and".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 13 to 44 agreed to.

Clause 45 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 46 to 58 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

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

Question—put and passed.

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

16. PUBLIC SERVICE BILL (1911).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Fisher 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.

(*In the Committee.*)

Clauses 1, 2, and 3 agreed to.

Clause 4—

Mr. Webster moved an amendment, That the word "may" in line 2 of page 3 be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the word "shall" in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 20.

Noes, 18.

Mr. Carr	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Cook	Mr. Bruce Smith
Mr. Deakin	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Frazer	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Wise
Mr. W. H. Irvine	
Mr. Mathews	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Palmer	Mr. Greene
Sir John Quick	Mr. Higgs

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Mahon
Mr. Archibald	Mr. McDougall
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Brown	Mr. Ozanne
Mr. Cann	Mr. Riley
Mr. Charlton	Mr. West
Mr. Fenton	
Mr. Finlayson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Howe	Mr. Catts
Mr. W. J. Johnson	Mr. Webster

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Mr. Webster moved an amendment, That the letter "s" be omitted from the word "increments," in line 3 of page 3, with a view to the omission of the word "Ten" from the same line, and the insertion of the word "Twenty" in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the letter proposed to be omitted stand part of the word—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 31.		Noes, 9.	
Mr. Archibald	Mr. W. H. Irvine	Mr. Anstey	Mr. Ozanne
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Mahon	Mr. Charlton	
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Fenton	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Palmer	Mr. W. J. Johnson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Cann	Sir John Quick	Mr. McDougall	Mr. Catts
Mr. Carr	Mr. Riley	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Webster
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Roberts		
Mr. Cook	Mr. Sampson		
Mr. Deakin	Mr. Laird Smith		
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Thomas		
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Tudor		
Mr. Frazer	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Fuller			
Mr. Glynn			
Mr. Greene	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Scullin		
Mr. Howe	Mr. Watkins		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 5, 6, and 7 agreed to.

Mr. Catts moved, That the following new clause be added to Bill :—

5A. Section forty-six of the Principal Act is amended—

(a) by omitting all the words in line 5 of sub-section (3.) ;

(b) by omitting sub-section (4.) ;

(c) by omitting the following words in sub-section (5.) :—"If any such charges are admitted or are found by the Board of Inquiry to be proved", and insert "If the Chief Officer considers the alleged offence to be of so serious a nature, that the offending officer should be more severely dealt with" ;

(d) by omitting sub-section (6.) and inserting "(6.) Any officer punished in accordance with the provisions of this section may appeal in the manner hereinafter provided".

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

Mr. Catts moved, That the following new clause be added to the Bill :—

5B. The Principal Act is amended by adding after section forty-six the following new section 46A :—

(1.) Any officer punished in accordance with the preceding section of this Act may, within seven days of the receipt of the notification thereof, appeal to a Board in each State which shall consist of :

(a) A Police or Resident Magistrate, to be appointed by the Governor-General, and to be the Chairman of the Board ;

(b) One person to be appointed by the Chief Officer ;

(c) One person to be elected under the regulations by the officers of the Professional Division, the Clerical Division, and the General Division, but only the person elected by the Division in which the appellant is employed shall act on the Board as the elective member on the hearing of the appeal.

(2.) For the purpose of the ordinary election of the elective member of the Board a ballot shall be taken on or before the first Monday in March, One thousand nine hundred and twelve, and on the first Monday in every third year thereafter.

(3.) If any member of the Board dies, or by notice in writing, addressed to the Minister, resigns his office, or, being an elective member of the Board, ceases to be an employé of the Department, his seat shall become vacant, and a successor shall be appointed or elected as the case may require, who shall hold office for the residue of the period during which his predecessor would have held the same if he had remained a member of the Board.

(4.) Notice of every appointment or election of a member of the Board shall be published in the *Commonwealth Gazette*.

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- (5.) Every such appeal shall be addressed to the Chief Officer who shall cause arrangements to be made for any necessary meetings of the Board, and every such appeal shall be heard within thirty days from the date of notice being so lodged.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

Mr. Brown moved, That the following new clause be added to the Bill :—

- 4A. Section twenty-three of the Principal Act is amended by adding at the end of sub-section (4.) :—

Provided also that officers in the General Division who were in the State Service prior to 1901, and who have since 1904 been performing duties certified by the Chief Officer of the Department in which such officers are employed as being of professional or clerical nature, shall be classified in the Professional or Clerical Divisions.

Proposed new clause ruled out of order.

Mr. Brown moved, That the following new clause be added to the Bill :—

- 5A. Section forty-six of the Principal Act is amended by adding at the end of sub-section (3.) :—

Provided the officer dealt with as aforesaid may appeal against the finding of such Chief Officer in respect of reprimand or caution or fine to a Board, as provided in section fifty, providing further that the Board hearing such appeal may if of opinion that the appeal is frivolous or vexatious recommend that the appellent officer be mulct in any sum not exceeding Forty shillings.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Fisher, the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Fisher moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the remaining stage to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Mr. Fisher, the Bill was read a third time.

17. AUSTRALIAN NOTES BILL (1911).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—

Mr. Fisher 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.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Mr. Fisher moved, That the following new clause be added to the Bill :—

3. This Act shall come into operation on the first day of July One thousand Commencement
nine hundred and twelve. of Act.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

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

Question—put and passed.

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

18. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented—

Library Committee (Joint).—Report for 1911.

Mr. Thomas presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Northern Territory.—Report of the Government Resident for the year 1910
Papua.—Report for the year ended 30th June, 1911.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed:

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19. ELECTORAL BILL (1911).—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Reports from the Committee of the whole House on this Bill—
Mr. Fisher moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clauses 33A, 33B, and 39A.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

The following amendments were, after debate, made in the Bill (on the motion of Mr. Fisher) :—

Page 11, clause 33A, omit the clause.

Page 12, clause 33B, after “eighty” insert “of the Principal Act”; omit paragraphs (d) and (e) and insert in their stead the following paragraphs :—

“(d) Printing, publishing, or distributing any electoral advertisement, notice, handbill, pamphlet, or card containing any representation of a ballot-paper, or any representation apparently intended to represent a ballot-paper, and having thereon any directions intended or likely to mislead or improperly interfere with any elector in or in relation to the casting of his vote;

“(e) Printing, publishing, or distributing any electoral advertisement, notice, handbill, pamphlet, or card containing any untrue or incorrect statement intended or likely to mislead or improperly interfere with any elector in or in relation to the casting of his vote.

“Provided that nothing in paragraphs (d) and (e) of this section shall prevent the printing, publishing, or distributing of any card, not otherwise illegal, which contains instructions how to vote for any particular candidate, so long as those instructions are not intended or likely to mislead any elector in or in relation to the casting of his vote.”

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Page 13, clause 39A, line 31, after the words “two hundred and six A” insert “of the Principal Act.”

Page 13, clause 39A, line 32, after the word “inserted” insert “in Part XVII.”

“ ” line 33, omit “—(1.)” and insert “FR.”

At the end of the section insert a proviso as follows :—“Provided that this section shall not affect the right of any person to institute proceedings in respect of any offence under this Act.”

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with further amendments.

The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

Mr. Fisher moved, That the Bill be again recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clause 32A.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 26.

Noes, 15.

Mr. Archibald	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Anstey	Mr. McDougall
Sir Robert Best	Sir John Quick	Mr. Bamford	Mr. Ozanne
Mr. Brown	Mr. Roberts	Mr. Catts	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Cann	Mr. Salmon	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Webster
Mr. Carr	Mr. Sampson	Mr. Frank J. Foster	
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Sinclair	Mr. Higgs	
Mr. Deakin	Mr. Laird Smith	Mr. Howe	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Thomas	Mr. W. Elliot Johnson	Mr. Chanter
Mr. Frazer	Mr. Tudor	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Riley
Mr. Greene	Mr. Wynne		
Mr. Harper			
Mr. Mahon	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Palmer		
Mr. O'Malley	Mr. Watkins		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

(In the Committee.)

Clause 32A.

The clause was, on the motion of Mr. Higgs, after debate, amended as follows :—

Line 28—After the word “issue”, insert the words “and before the return”.

Line 30—After the word “Vote” omit the word “any” and insert “every”.

Line 30—

Sir John Quick moved a further amendment, That the word “report” be omitted from the clause.

Debate ensued.

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Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.
The Committee divided—

Ayes, 26.		Noes, 13.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. McDougall	Sir Robert Best	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Carr	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Brown	Mr. O'Malley	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Wynne
Mr. Catts	Mr. Ozanne	Mr. Deakin	
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Riley	Mr. Fairbairn	
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Roberts	Mr. Palmer	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Laird Smith	Sir John Quick	Mr. Cann
Mr. Frank J. Foster	Mr. Thomas	Mr. Salmon	Mr. Greene
Mr. Frazer	Mr. Tudor		
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Webster		
Mr. Howe			
Mr. W. J. Johnson	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Scullin		
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Watkins		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

On the motion of Mr. Higgs the clause was, after debate, further amended as follows:—

Line 31—After the word "candidate" insert the words "or political party".

Line 31—After the word "issues" omit the word "then".

Line 33—After the word "the" omit the word "writer" and insert the words "author and authors."

Line 34—After the word "his" insert the words "or their".

Line 34—After the word "address" add the words "or names and addresses at the end of the said article, report, letter, or other matter".

Mr. Higgs moved a further amendment—That the following sub-clause be added to the clause:—

"(b) Any newspaper editor or proprietor who permits, in any newspaper which he edits or owns, the publication of any unsigned article, report, letter, or other matter commenting upon any candidate, or political party, or the issues being submitted to the electors after the issue and before the return of any writ for the election of a member of the House of Representatives, for the Senate, or for the taking of a Referendum vote, shall be deemed guilty of an offence against this Act.

Penalty: Fifty pounds."

Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 25.		Noes, 14.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. McDougall	Sir Robert Best	Sir John Quick
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Cann	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Brown	Mr. Ozanne	Mr. Carr	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Catts	Mr. Riley	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Wise
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Roberts	Mr. Deakin	
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Laird Smith	Mr. Fairbairn	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Thomas	Mr. Mahon	Mr. Brennan
Mr. Frank J. Foster	Mr. Tudor	Mr. Palmer	Mr. Greene
Mr. Frazer	Mr. Webster		
Mr. Higgs			
Mr. Howe			
Mr. W. J. Johnson	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Scullin		
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Watkins		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Mahon moved a further amendment, That the following proviso be added to the clause:—

"Provided that no prosecution for an offence under this section shall be instituted except under the written authority of the Attorney-General of the Commonwealth."

Question—That the proviso proposed to be added be so added—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 14.		Noes, 25.	
Sir Robert Best	Sir John Quick	Mr. Anstey	Mr. McDougall
Mr. Cann	Mr. Sampson	Mr. Archibald	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Carr	Mr. Sinclair	Mr. Brown	Mr. Ozanne
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Wise	Mr. Catts	Mr. Riley
Mr. Deakin		Mr. Chanter	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Fairbairn	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Mahon	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Fisher	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Palmer	Mr. Greene	Mr. Frank J. Foster	Mr. Tudor
		Mr. Frazer	Mr. Webster
		Mr. Higgs	
		Mr. Howe	
		Mr. W. J. Johnson	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Scullin
		Mr. Mathews	Mr. Watkins

And so it was negated.

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Question—That the clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 25.

Noes, 14.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. McDougall	Sir Robert Best	Sir John Quick
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Cann	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Brown	Mr. Ozanne	Mr. Carr	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Catts	Mr. Riley	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Wise
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Roberts	Mr. Deakin	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Laird Smith	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Brennan
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Thomas	Mr. Mahon	Mr. Greene
Mr. Frank J. Foster	Mr. Tudor	Mr. Palmer	
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Webster		
Mr. Higgs			
Mr. Howe			
Mr. W. J. Johnson	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Scullin		
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Watkins		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill to be reported with further amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

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

Question—put and passed.

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

20. OLD-AGE PENSIONS APPROPRIATION BILL (1911).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Fisher 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.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Fisher, the House adopted the report.

Mr. Fisher moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stage to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Mr. Fisher, the Bill was read a third time.

21. NAVAL DEFENCE BILL (1911).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—

Mr. Roberts 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.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 4 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Roberts, the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Roberts moved, pursuant to contingent notice given by Mr. Fisher, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stage to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Mr. Roberts, the Bill was read a third time.

22. DEFENCE BILL (1911).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr.

Roberts 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.)

Clauses 1 to 5 agreed to.
 Title agreed to.
 Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.
 On the motion of Mr. Roberts, the House adopted the Report.
 Mr. Roberts moved, pursuant to contingent notice given by Mr. Fisher, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the remaining stage to be passed without delay.
 Question—put and passed.
 On the motion of Mr. Roberts, the Bill was read a third time.

23. CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL (1911).—SENATE'S REQUESTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Requests made by the Senate in regard to this Bill—

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

(In the Committee.)

The Committee proceeded to consider the requested amendments.

SCHEDULE SHOWING REQUESTS MADE BY THE SENATE FOR AMENDMENTS IN THE CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL (1911).

- No. 1.—Page 4, Item 44, leave out “and Brewers' Pitch”.
- No. 2.—Page 4, Item 54, at commencement of item insert the following new sub-item :—
 “By inserting in the item after the word ‘Ginger’ in the sub-heading to sub-items (e) to (i) the letters ‘n.e.i.’”
- No. 3.—Page 4, Item 54, sub-item (κ), leave out “n.e.i.”
- No. 4.—Page 4, Item 54, sub-item (κ), after “1d.” add “and on and after December, 1911, 1½d.”
- No. 5.—Page 5, Item 117, leave out—
 “By inserting in the item after the word ‘Sachets’ the words ‘, Cotton or Linen Handkerchiefs and Serviettes’”,
 and insert—
 “By inserting in the item before the word ‘Cosies’ the letter ‘(A)’ and by adding a new sub-item—
 ‘(B) Cotton or Linen Handkerchiefs and Serviettes, ad val. 25 per cent. ... 20 per cent. ; and on and after December, 1911, 35 per cent. ... 30 per cent.’”
- No. 6.—Page 5, Item 123, after “defined” insert “otherwise than by printing or dyeing”.
- No. 7.—Page 6, Item 134, last paragraph, leave out “two”, insert “three”.
- No. 8.—Page 6, Item 134, add the following new paragraph :—
 “By omitting from sub-item (B) as on and after December, 1911, the words ‘Gimp n.e.i.’”
- No. 9.—Page 6, Item 153, leave out “including silver ferruled or plated articles,” insert “including the articles named when plated or silver ferruled,”
- No. 10.—Page 7, Item 177, after the first paragraph insert the following new paragraphs :—
 “By adding at the end of sub-item (A) the words ‘and on and after December, 1911, ad val. 25 per cent. ... 20 per cent.’
 “By adding at the end of sub-item (B) the words ‘and on and after December, 1911, ad val. 17½ per cent. ... 12½ per cent.’”
- No. 11.—Page 10, Item 261, leave out “Dextrine,”.
- No. 12.—Page 10, Item 263, leave out this item.
- No. 13.—Page 10, Item 268, second duty column, insert “35 per cent.”
- No. 14.—Page 11, Item 303, sub-item (B), after “Pine” insert “and Rimu”.
- No. 15.—Page 11, Item 303, leave out—
 “By adding after the present sub-item (F) the following words :—
 ‘And on and after the 15th December, 1911, per 100 super. ft. 3s. 6d.’”
- No. 16.—Page 12, Item 342, at end of item add “; and Records”.
- No. 17.—Page 12, Item 342, duty columns, leave out “10 per cent. ... 5 per cent.”, insert “5 per cent. ... Free”.
- No. 18.—Page 12, Item 352—
 Sub-item (B), after “Harness” insert “and Buggy” ;
 Sub-item (C), leave out this sub-item.
- No. 19.—Page 13, Item 353, duty column, leave out “5s. ; and on and after 14th December 1911.”

No. 20.—Page 13, Item 356, before the last paragraph insert the following new paragraph :—

“ By adding to sub-item (1) the following words :—

‘ (3) Paper Felt or Carpet Felt Paper for the manufacture of Roofing Felt and like substances, subject to Departmental By-laws ... Free ’.”

No. 21.—Page 13, Item 380, sub-item (A), duty columns, add “ and on and after December, 1911, 40 per cent. ... 35 per cent. ”

No. 22.—Page 13, Item 380, sub-item (B), leave out “ Wheels n.e.i. ”.

No. 23.—Page 13, Item 380, sub-item (B), duty columns, add “ and on and after December, 1911, 40 per cent. ... 35 per cent. ”

No. 24.—Page 13, Item 380, leave out sub-items (D) and (E), insert the following new sub-items :—

“(D) Motor Cars, Lorries and Waggon—

(1) Bodies, including Dashboards, Footboards and Mudguards ... ad val. ... 35 per cent. ... 30 per cent. and on and after 15th December, 1911—

(D) Bodies of Motor Cars Lorries and Waggon including Dashboards Footboards and Mudguards—

(1) Single-seated Bodies, each ... £17 ... £15

(2) Double-seated Bodies, each ... £24 10s. ... £21

(3) Bodies with fixed or movable canopy tops, e.g., Landalette, Limousine, Taxi-cab, and similar types, and N.E.I. each ... £42 ... £36.

(E) Chassis of Motor Cars Lorries and Waggon (but not including rubber tyres) ... ad val. ... 5 per cent. ... Free.

(F) Aeroplanes ... Free.”

No. 25.—Page 13, Item 380, add the following new sub-item :—

“(G) Vehicle Parts, viz. :—Wheels n.e.i. ... ad val. 35 per cent. ... 30 per cent. ; and on and after December, 1911 ... ad val. 40 per cent. ... 35 per cent.”

No. 26.—Page 14, Item 392, line 3, leave out “ On and after 1st July, 1912—”.

No. 27.—Page 14, Item 392, sub-item (B), leave out “ 400 ” insert “ 500 ”.

No. 28.—Page 14, Item 392, sub-item (B), leave out “ arriving on and after 1st July, 1912, ”.

No. 29.—Page 14, Item 392, sub-item (E), leave out “ June, 1912 ”, insert “ November, 1911 ”.

No. 30.—Page 14, Item 392, at end of item add the following new sub-item :—

“(F) Vessels specified in sub-item (B), ordered for the purpose of Australian trade, and for the construction of which a contract was signed within twelve months before 1st December, 1911, provided such vessels arrive in Australia on or before 31st December, 1912 ... Free”.

No. 31.—Page 15, Item 419, sub-item (C), leave out “ and ” and “ similar ”, and after “ Institutions ” insert “ Cathedrals or Churches ”.

On the motion of Mr. Tudor, the Committee, after debate, dealt with the requested amendments, as follow :—

Requested amendments Nos. 1 to 3.—Made.

Requested amendment No. 4.—Not made.

Requested amendment No. 5.—Made with the following modifications :—The duty under “ General Tariff ” to be “ 30 per cent. ” and under “ Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of the United Kingdom ” to be “ 25 per cent. ”

Requested amendments Nos. 6 to 31.—Made.

The blanks before the word “ December ” were filled in, in each instance, with the date “ 21st. ” Resolutions to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Tudor, the House adopted the Report.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Senate amended accordingly.

24. POSTPONEMENT OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the remaining Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until after General Business.

25. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day, General Business, No. 1 be postponed until to-morrow.

26. POSTAL SERVICES—REPORT OF ROYAL COMMISSION.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Webster :—That, in the best interest of the public and of the Commonwealth Postal Service, the report of the Royal Commission on Postal Services should (in a general sense) be adopted by this House—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Greene 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.

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27. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 3, 4, and 5 be postponed until to-morrow.

28. COMPENSATION TO MR. A. BLACK—LOSS OWING TO MISDELIVERY OF LETTERS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Higgs :—

(1) That, in the opinion of this House, Mr. Alexander Black, of Bundaberg, should receive full compensation for the loss sustained by him through the misdelivery of a letter containing two post-office orders totalling the sum of £30 16s. 8d.

(2) That this House recommends to the urgent consideration of the Postmaster-General the adoption of an identification certificate as a means of providing against future losses of a character similar to the foregoing.

Mr. Higgs not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

29. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day, General Business, No. 7 be postponed until to-morrow.

30. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—APPROPRIATION BILL 1911-12.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 29.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twelve and to appropriate the Supplies granted for such year in this and the last preceding session of the Parliament* ”, to which it has agreed without requests.

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H. TURLEY,
President.

31. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 8, 9, 10, and 11 be postponed until to-morrow.

32. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES OF MOTION.—Ordered—That Notices of Motion Nos. 1 to 7 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

33. NEWSPAPER ARTICLES AND SIGNATURES.—Mr. W. Maloney moved, pursuant to notice, That this House is of the opinion that the definition of all newspapers must carry with it the necessity of all leading and special articles being signed by the writers thereof.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Greene 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.

And the House continuing to sit till after midnight—

THURSDAY, 21ST DECEMBER, 1911.

34. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

(*Supplementary Appropriation Bill 1909-10*)—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 30.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and ten* ”, to which it has agreed without requests.

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President.

(*Supplementary Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Bill 1909-10*)—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 31.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and ten for purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.* ”, to which it has agreed without amendment.

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Melbourne, 20th December, 1911.

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President.

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(Telegraphs and Telephones Special Works Account Bill)—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 32.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to authorize the expending of moneys paid into the Trust Fund Telegraphs and Telephones Special Works Account*", to which it has agreed without amendment.

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Melbourne, 20th December, 1911.

H. TURLEY,
President.

At half-past 12 o'clock midnight Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

At 11 o'clock a.m. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

35. PAPERS.—Mr. Roberts presented, pursuant to Statute—

Defence Act—Regulations Amended (Provisional)—

Military Forces—

No. 418—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 208.

No. 34—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 206.—

Financial and Allowance—

No. 84 (e)—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 209.

Nos. 258-272—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 205.

Naval Defence Act—Regulations Amended (Provisional)—

Nos. 101-2—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 207.

36. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate:—

(Inscribed Stock Bill)—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 33.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for Commonwealth Government Inscribed Stock and for other purposes in connexion therewith*"; to which it has agreed without amendment.

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H. TURLEY,
President.

(Loan Bill)—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 34.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the 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*," to which it has agreed without amendment.

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H. TURLEY,
President.

Customs Tariff Bill (1911)—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 35.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to Duties of Customs*," and acquaints the House that the Senate does not press its Request No. 4, with which the House of Representatives has not complied, and has agreed to the modification of the House in regard to Request No. 5 of the Senate.

The Senate has agreed to the Bill returned herewith, as amended by the House of Representatives at the Request of the Senate.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 21st December, 1911.

H. TURLEY,
President.

(Public Service Bill 1911)—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 36.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the 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*", to which it has agreed without amendment.

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Melbourne, 21st December, 1911.

H. TURLEY,
President.

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(Australian Notes Bill 1911)—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 37.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend Section Nine of the 'Australian Notes Act 1910'*", to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 21st December, 1911.

H. TURLEY,
President.

(Old-age Pensions Appropriation Bill 1911)—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 38.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for Invalid and Old-age Pensions,*" to which it has agreed without amendment.

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Melbourne, 21st December, 1911.

H. TURLEY,
President.

37. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—ELECTORAL BILL (1911).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 39.

The Senate has agreed to the amendments made by the House of Representatives in the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Commonwealth Electoral Act 1902-1909,'*" Nos. 1 to 7, and 9 to 14.

The Senate also agrees to the amendment No. 8 inserting new clause 32A, but amends it as shown in the annexed Schedule, and transposes it to stand as sub-clause 181AA of clause 34 of the Bill.

The Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives in such amendment and transposition.

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Melbourne, 21st December, 1911.

H. TURLEY,
President.

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

The Committee proceeded to consider the amendments, which are as follow:—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO WHICH THE SENATE HAS AGREED WITH AN AMENDMENT.

No. 8.—Page 11, after clause 32, insert the following new clause:—

32A.—(1.) On and after the date of issue and before the return of any Writ for the election for a member for the House of Representatives, or for the Senate, or for the taking of any Referendum vote, every article, report, letter, or other matter commenting upon any candidate, or political party, or the issues being submitted to the electors, printed and published in any newspaper, circular, pamphlet, or "dodger" shall be signed by the author and authors, giving his or their true name and address or names and addresses at the end of the said article, report, letter, or other matter.

Penalty: Fifty pounds.

"(2.) Any newspaper editor or proprietor who permits, in any newspaper which he edits or owns, the publication of any unsigned article, report, letter, or other matter commenting upon any candidate, or political party, or the issues being submitted to the electors after the issue and before the return of any writ for the election of a member of the House of Representatives, for the Senate, or for the taking of a Referendum vote, shall be deemed guilty of an offence against this Act.

Penalty: Fifty pounds.

Amendment to insert new clause agreed to with the following amendment, viz. :—

In sub-clauses (1.) and (2.) transpose the words "House of Representatives" and "Senate"—and transpose clause 32A to stand as sub-clause 181AA of clause 34 of the Bill.

On the motion of Mr. Fisher, the amendment of the Senate on the amendment of the House of Representatives was agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Fisher, the House adopted the Report.

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38. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next.

Question—put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty minutes past twelve o'clock mid-day, on Thursday, 21st December, adjourned until Wednesday next at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—
Mr. Chapman, Sir John Forrest, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Hall, Mr. Hans Irvine, Mr. Jensen, Mr. Livingston, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Page, Mr. Ryrie, and Mr. Thomson.

WALTER A. GALE,

Clerk Assistant,

for Clerk of the House of Representatives.

MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were received after the adjournment of the House on the 21st December, 1911 :—

(*Lighthouses Bill*)—

DENMAN,
Governor-General.

Message No. 29.

A Bill intituled "*An Act relating to Lighthouses, Lightships, Beacons, and Buoys*", as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

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(*Defence Bill 1911*)—

DENMAN,
Governor-General.

Message No. 30.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend Sections one hundred and twenty-seven, one hundred and thirty-four, one hundred and thirty-five, and one hundred and forty-two of the 'Defence Act 1903-1910'*", as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
Melbourne, 22nd December, 1911.

(*Naval Defence Bill 1911*)—

DENMAN,
Governor-General.

Message No. 31.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Naval Defence Act 1910'*", as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

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Melbourne, 22nd December, 1911.

(*Electoral Bill 1911*)—

DENMAN,
Governor-General.

Message No. 32.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Commonwealth Electoral Act 1902-1909'*", as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

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Melbourne, 22nd December, 1911.

(*Commonwealth Bank Bill*)—

DENMAN,
Governor-General.

Message No. 33.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for a Commonwealth Bank*", as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
Melbourne, 22nd December, 1911.

(*Customs Tariff Bill 1911*)—

DENMAN,
Governor-General.

Message No. 34.

A Bill intituled "*An Act relating to Duties of Customs*", as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
Melbourne, 22nd December, 1911.

(Inscribed Stock Bill)—

DENMAN,
Governor-General.

Message No. 35.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for Commonwealth Government Inscribed Stock and for other purposes in connexion therewith*", as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

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Melbourne, 22nd December, 1911.

(Australian Notes Bill 1911)—

DENMAN,
Governor-General.

Message No. 36.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend Section Nine of the 'Australian Notes Act 1910'*", as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
Melbourne, 22nd December, 1911.

(Old-age Pensions Appropriation Bill 1911)—

DENMAN,
Governor-General.

Message No. 37.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for Invalid and Old-age Pensions*", as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
Melbourne, 22nd December, 1911.

(Telegraphs and Telephones Special Works Account Bill)—

DENMAN,
Governor-General.

Message No. 38.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the expending of moneys paid to the Trust Fund Telegraphs and Telephones Special Works Account*", as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
Melbourne, 22nd December, 1911.

(Loan Bill)—

DENMAN,
Governor-General.

Message No. 39.

A Bill intituled "*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*", as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
Melbourne, 22nd December, 1911.

(Pacific Cable Bill)—

DENMAN,
Governor-General.

Message No. 40.

A Bill intituled "*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*", as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
Melbourne, 22nd December, 1911.

(Public Service Bill 1911)—

DENMAN,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 41.*

A Bill intituled "*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*", as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
Melbourne, 22nd December, 1911.

(Supplementary Appropriation Bill 1909-10)—

DENMAN,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 42.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and ten*", as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
Melbourne, 22nd December, 1911.

(Supplementary Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Bill 1909-10)—

DENMAN,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 43.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and ten for purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.*", as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
Melbourne, 22nd December, 1911.

(Appropriation Bill 1911-12)—

DENMAN,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 44.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twelve and to appropriate the Supplies granted for such year in this and the last preceding session of the Parliament*", as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
Melbourne, 22nd December, 1911.
