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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 16.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH JULY, 1912.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. Roberts presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Warships—Memorandum regarding Delays in the Construction of Australian Vessels building in the United Kingdom.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.  
Mr. O'Malley presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at Gidginbung, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.
3. KALGOORLIE TO PORT AUGUSTA RAILWAY BILL (1912).—Mr. O'Malley moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta Railway Act 1911*.  
Question—put and passed.  
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.  
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
4. AUDIT BILL (1912).—Mr. Fisher moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Audit Act 1901-1909*.  
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. REFERENDUM (CONSTITUTION ALTERATION) BILL (1912).—Mr. O'Malley moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act 1906-1910*.  
Question—put and passed.  
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.  
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

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6. **SPEECHES OF MEMBERS—TIME LIMIT.**—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. McWilliams :—That, in order to secure the despatch of business and the good government of the Commonwealth, the Standing Orders of this House should be immediately amended in the direction of placing a time limit on the speeches delivered by honorable Members in the House and in Committee—

*And on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Webster, viz. :—*At the end of the motion add the following words :—“No Member shall speak for more than half-an-hour at a time in any Debate in the House, except in the Debate on the Address-in-Reply, or in a Debate on a Motion of ‘No Confidence,’ or in moving the second reading of a Bill, or on the Debate on the Appropriation Bill or on the Financial Statement in Committee, when a Member shall be at liberty to speak for one hour. In Committee of the House no Member shall speak for more than ten minutes at any one time, or more than four times on any one Question before the Committee: Provided that this rule shall not apply in Committee to a Member in charge of a Bill, or to a Minister when delivering the Financial Statement, or, in regard to the number of his speeches, to a Minister in charge of a Class of the Estimates in Committee of Supply”—

Debate resumed.

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put and negatived.

Mr. Sampson moved an amendment, That the following words be added to the motion:—

“That the following be adopted as a Standing Order of this House :—

No Member, except a Minister introducing a Bill and the Leader of the Opposition, shall speak for more than one hour at a time in any Debate in the House, except in the Debate on the Address-in-Reply, or in a Debate on a Motion of ‘No Confidence,’ or in moving the second reading of a Bill, or on the Debate on the Appropriation Bill or on the Financial Statement in Committee, when a Member shall be at liberty to speak for one hour and a half.”

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be added, be so added—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Archibald	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Cann	Mr. Riley
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Deakin	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Wise
Mr. Fisher	
Sir John Forrest	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mahon	Mr. Fairbairn
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Scullin

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Mr. Anstey	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Bennett	Mr. McDougall
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Catts	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Cook	Mr. Ozanne
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Page
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Frazer	Sir John Quick
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Ryrie
Mr. Gordon	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Greene	Mr. Bruce Smith
Mr. Groom	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Harper	Mr. Thomson
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Webster
Mr. Howe	
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. W. Elliot Johnson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Kelly	Mr. Finlayson
Mr. Livingston	Mr. Frank J. Foster

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Catts proposed to move an amendment, That the following words be added to the motion :—

“That the following be adopted as a Standing Order of this House—

1. In a Debate in the House, a Member shall not speak for more than one hour at a time:

Provided that in moving the second reading of a Bill, or in the debate on the second reading of the Appropriation Bill, or in the debate on the Address-in-Reply, or on a motion of ‘No Confidence,’ a Member may speak for an hour and a half.

2. In Committee of the House, a Member shall not speak for more than fifteen minutes at a time, or more than four times on any one question:

Provided that this Rule shall not apply in Committee to a Member in charge of a Bill, or to a Minister when delivering the Financial statement, or (in regard to the number of speeches) to a Minister in charge of a Division of the Estimates in Committee of Supply:

Provided further that in the Debate in Committee on the Financial Statement, a Member may speak once for an hour and a half.”

Mr. Speaker ruled that the words of the first paragraph of the proposed amendment were virtually the same as the amendment which the House had just negatived, and that the proposed amendment was therefore out of order.

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Debate on main question continued.

Mr. Poynton moved an amendment, That the following words be added to the motion:—

“That the following be adopted as a Standing Order of this House:—

No Member shall speak for more than one hour and five minutes at a time in any Debate in the House, except in the Debate on the Address-in-Reply, or in a Debate on a Motion of ‘No Confidence,’ or in moving the second reading of a Bill, or on the Debate on the Appropriation Bill or on the Financial Statement in Committee, when a Member shall be at liberty to speak for one hour and thirty-five minutes. In Committee of the House no Member shall speak for more than fifteen minutes at any one time, or more than four times on any one Question before the Committee: Provided that this rule shall not apply in Committee to a Member in charge of a Bill, or to a Minister when delivering the Financial Statement, or, in regard to the number of his speeches, to a Minister in charge of a Class of the Estimates in Committee of Supply.”

Point of Order—Mr. Speaker having ruled that the proposed amendment was in order, and dissent having been moved to Mr. Speaker’s ruling by Mr. Higgs and Mr. Cook—The debate thereon was forthwith adjourned to the next sitting.

Debate continued.

Mr. Cook, by leave, withdrew his motion of dissent to Mr. Speaker’s ruling.

Debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. Archibald, the following amendment was made in the proposed amendment—  
Line 7, omit “fifteen.”

Mr. Archibald moved, That the word “thirty” be inserted in place of the word “fifteen” omitted.

Question—That the word proposed to be inserted, be so inserted—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Ozanne
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Page
Mr. Bennett	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Cann	Mr. Riley
Mr. Catts	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Frank J. Foster	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Frazer	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Mahon	
Mr. W. Maloney	
Mr. McDougall	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Webster
Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Wise

Noes, 23.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Kelly
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Cook	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Deakin	Sir John Quick
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Ryrie
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Sinclair
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Bruce Smith
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Thomson
Mr. Fuller	
Mr. Glynn	
Mr. Gordon	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Groom	Mr. Greene
Mr. Howe	Mr. W. Elliot Johnson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

On the motion of Mr. Archibald, the following further amendment was made in the proposed amendment—Line 7, omit “four times.”

Mr. Cook moved that the words “three times” be inserted in place of the words “four times” omitted.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted, be so inserted—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Howe
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Kelly
Mr. Cook	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Deakin	Mr. Mahon
Mr. Fenton	Sir John Quick
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Ryrie
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Bruce Smith
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Thomson
Mr. Gordon	
Mr. Greene	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Groom	Mr. W. Elliot Johnson
Mr. Harper	Mr. Sinclair

Noes, 26.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Ozanne
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Page
Mr. Bennett	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Cann	Mr. Riley
Mr. Catts	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Frank J. Foster	Mr. Webster
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Wise
Mr. Mathews	
Mr. McWilliams	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. McDougall
Mr. O’Malley	Mr. Watkins

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Archibald moved, That the word “twice” be inserted in place of the words “four times” omitted.

Question—That the word proposed to be inserted, be so inserted—put.

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The House divided—

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Ozanne
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Page
Mr. Bennett	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riley
Mr. Cann	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Catts	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Frank J. Foster	Mr. Wise
Mr. Mahon	
Mr. W. Maloney	
Mr. McDougall	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Webster

Noes, 22.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. W. Elliot Johnson
Mr. Cook	Mr. Kelly
Mr. Deakin	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Finlayson	Sir John Quick
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Ryrie
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Bruce Smith
Mr. Gordon	
Mr. Groom	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Harper	Mr. Greene
Mr. Howe	Mr. Thomson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Fisher moved, That the proposed amendment be further amended as follows :—

Line 9, after "Statement" insert "or to any Member during the proceedings in the Committee on the Tariff."

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put and passed.

Mr. Cook moved, That the proposed amendment be further amended as follows :—

After the words just inserted insert "and other taxation measures."

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Cook	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Deakin	Sir John Quick
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Bruce Smith
Mr. Gordon	Mr. Thomson
Mr. Greene	
Mr. Groom	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Howe	Mr. Atkinson
Mr. Kelly	Mr. W. Elliot Johnson

Noes, 28.

Mr. Archibald	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Bennett	Mr. Ozanne
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Page
Mr. Cann	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Catts	Mr. Riley
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Frank J. Foster	Mr. Webster
Mr. Mahon	Mr. Wise
Mr. W. Maloney	
Mr. Mathews	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McDougall	Mr. Anstey
Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Watkins

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Cook moved, That the proposed amendment be further amended as follows :—

At end thereof add "Provided that the foregoing provisions shall apply only on the motion of the Minister or Member in charge of any Bill or motion."

Question—That the words proposed to be added, be so added—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 13.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Howe
Mr. Cook	Sir John Quick
Mr. Deakin	Mr. Thomson
Sir John Forrest	
Mr. Fuller	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Gordon	Mr. W. Elliot Johnson
Mr. Greene	Mr. Kelly
Mr. Groom	

Noes, 26.

Mr. Bennett	Mr. Ozanne
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Page
Mr. Cann	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Catts	Mr. Riley
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Frank J. Foster	Mr. Webster
Mr. Mahon	Mr. Wise
Mr. W. Maloney	
Mr. Mathews	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McWilliams	Mr. McDougall
Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Watkins

And so it was negatived.

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The proposed amendment, as amended, was added to the motion.

Question—(1.) That, in order to secure the despatch of business and the good government of the Commonwealth, the Standing Orders of this House should be immediately amended in the direction of placing a time limit on the speeches delivered by honorable Members in the House and in Committee.

(2.) That the following be adopted as a Standing Order of this House:—No Member shall speak for more than one hour and five minutes at a time in any debate in the House, except in the Debate on the Address-in-Reply, or in a Debate on a motion of "No Confidence," or in moving the second reading of a Bill, or on the Debate on the Appropriation Bill or on the Financial Statement in Committee, when a Member shall be at liberty to speak for one hour and thirty-five minutes. In Committee of the House no Member shall speak for more than thirty minutes at any one time, or more than twice on any one Question before the Committee: Provided that this rule shall not apply in Committee to a Member in charge of a Bill, or to a Minister when delivering the Financial Statement, or to any Member during the proceedings in the Committee on the Tariff, or, in regard to the number of his speeches, to a Minister in charge of a Class of the Estimates in Committee of Supply.  
—put and, after debate, resolved in the affirmative.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Brown, Mr. Carr, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Hedges\*, Mr. Hans Irvine, Mr. Jensen, Sir William Lyne\*, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Salmon, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. West.

\* On leave.

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