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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 58.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 1ST OCTOBER, 1912.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MEMBER "NAMED".—Mr. Speaker named the honorable Member for Capricornia (Mr. Higgs) for disregarding the authority of the Chair, but the honorable Member having apologized, the matter was not further proceeded with.
3. PAPERS.—Mr. Roberts presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Defence—Construction of Destroyers and Cruiser at the Fitzroy Dock, New South Wales—  
Papers *re*.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.  
Mr. Frazer presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Public Service Act—Postmaster-General's Department—Appointment of H. M. Cox as Assistant Engineer, Electrical Engineer's Branch, Western Australia.
4. TIME OF MEETING ON WEDNESDAYS AND THURSDAYS.—Mr. Fisher moved, pursuant to notice, That on Wednesdays and Thursdays in each week the House shall, unless otherwise ordered, meet at half-past ten o'clock a.m.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.
5. MATERNITY ALLOWANCE BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the third reading—  
Mr. Fisher moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a third time.
6. NAVIGATION 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.

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*(In the Committee.)*

Clause 1 again read.

Mr. Tudor moved an amendment, That the following words be added to the clause :—“after the King’s assent thereto has been proclaimed in the Commonwealth”.

Debate ensued.

Amendment agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 2 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 3 and 4 agreed to.

Clause 5 postponed.

Clause 6 debated and agreed to.

Clause 7 agreed to.

Clause 8 debated and agreed to.

Clause 9 debated and agreed to.

Clause 10 debated and agreed to.

Clause 11—

Mr. Tudor moved an amendment, After line 19 insert new sub-clause :—

“(2.) Every British ship (other than those registered in Australia or engaged in the coasting trade), when going to sea from any place in Australia shall be provided with a duly certificated Master and such duly certificated officers as are, by the law of that part of the British Dominions in which the ship is registered, prescribed as being necessary for her when going to sea from any place in that part of the British Dominions.”

Debate ensued.

Clause postponed.

Clause 12 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 13 and 14 agreed to.

Clause 15 debated and agreed to.

Clause 16 agreed to.

Clause 17 debated—

Sir Robert Best moved an amendment, That the word “charge” wherever occurring in the clause be omitted and the word “question” be inserted in place thereof.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 18 to 21 agreed to.

Clause 22 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 23 and 24 agreed to.

Clause 25 read.

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.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at nineteen 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. Anstey, Mr. Finlayson, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Hans Irvine\*, Mr. Jensen, Mr. Livingston, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Mahon, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Laird Smith, Mr. Spence, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Watkins.

\* On leave.

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