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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 64.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 10TH OCTOBER, 1912.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER.—Mr. Thomas presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
High Commissioner's Second Annual Report—Year 1911.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
3. ELECTORAL DIVISIONS OF QUEENSLAND.—PROPOSED REDISTRIBUTION.—Mr. O'Malley moved, pursuant to notice, That the House of Representatives approves of the fresh distribution of the State of Queensland into Electoral Divisions as proposed by Messrs. W. J. Gall, A. A. Spowers, and W. H. Graham, the Commissioners for the purpose of distributing the said State into Divisions, in their report dated the 22nd day of August, 1912, and laid before this House on the 27th day of August, 1912; and that the names of the Divisions indicated on the map referred to in the Report be adopted with the exception that the name "Landsborough" be altered to read "Lilley."
Debate ensued.
Mr. Bamford moved an amendment, That all the words after the word "That" be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof:—"this House disapproves of the latest redistribution of the Electorates made by the Queensland Commissioners, and refers it back to the Commissioners with a recommendation that community of commercial interests and means of communication be given greater consideration than has hitherto been shown, and further expresses the opinion that the redistribution first made and exhibited is, so far, the most satisfactory."
Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Debate on main question continued.
Mr. Higgs, addressing the House, and 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 a later hour this day.
It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, in accordance with Standing Order No. 119 the Orders of the Day were called on.

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4. SUPPLY ["GRIEVANCE DAY"].—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—

Question proposed—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Mr. Cann moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

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

Debate, on main question, ensued.

Mr. Fisher moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 33.

Noes, 23.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. McDougall
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Ozanne
Mr. Bennett	Mr. Page
Mr. Cann	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Carr	Mr. Riley
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Frazer	Mr. Webster
Mr. Higgs	Mr. West
Mr. Howe	
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Jensen	
Mr. W. J. Johnson	Mr. Frank J. Foster
Mr. Mahon	Mr. Watkins

Tellers.

Sir Robert Best	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Cook	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Palmer
Sir John Forrest	Sir John Quick
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Bruce Smith
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Thomson
Mr. Gordon	
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Hedges	
Mr. W. H. Irvine	Mr. Greene
Mr. Kelly	Mr. W. Elliot Johnson.

Tellers.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

5. PRINTING COMMITTEE—THIRD REPORT FROM.—Sir John Quick, Chairman, brought up the Third Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate).

The Report was read by the Clerk Assistant, and is as follows:—

The Printing Committee of the House of Representatives (sitting in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate) have the honour to report:—

That they have reconsidered the Second Report from the Committee referred back to them by the House of Representatives, and have amended the said Report by the rescission of the second resolution contained therein, viz.:—

“That all reports, papers, &c., be referred to the Printing Committee before being printed, excepting those which have been authorized by either the Senate or House of Representatives to be printed.”

The amended Report is submitted herewith.

JOHN QUICK,
Chairman.

Committee Room,
10th October, 1912.

Sir John Quick moved, by leave, That the Report [see pages 157-9 ante], as so amended by the Printing Committee, be adopted.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the remaining Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until after the further consideration of the motion with reference to the proposed Redistribution of Queensland into Electoral Divisions and the consideration of Notice of Motion No. 2, Government Business.

7. ELECTORAL DIVISIONS OF QUEENSLAND—PROPOSED REDISTRIBUTION.—The debate (interrupted by the calling on of the Orders of the Day) was resumed upon the following motion of Mr. O'Malley:—That the House of Representatives approves of the fresh distribution of the State of Queensland into Electoral Divisions as proposed by Messrs. W. J. Gall, A. A. Spowers, and W. H. Graham, the Commissioners for the purpose of distributing the said State into Divisions, in their report dated the 22nd day of August, 1912, and laid before this House on the 27th day of August 1912; and that the names of the Divisions indicated on the map referred to in the Report be adopted with the exception that the name “Landsborough” be altered to read “Lilley.”

Question—put and passed.

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8. ELECTORAL DIVISIONS OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA—PROPOSED REDISTRIBUTION.—Mr. O'Malley moved, pursuant to notice, That the House of Representatives approves of the fresh distribution of the State of Western Australia into Electoral Divisions as proposed by Messrs. A. Green, H. F. Johnston, and A. W. Piesse, the Commissioners for the purpose of distributing the said State into Divisions, in their report dated the 28th day of August, 1912, and laid before this House on the 18th day of September, 1912, and that the Divisions referred to in the report and indicated on the map as A, B, C, D, and E, be named as follows:—

Division A	...	...	...	...	Perth
" B	...	...	...	...	Fremantle
" C	...	...	...	...	Swan
" D	...	...	...	...	Kalgoorlie
" E	...	...	...	...	Dampier.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

9. TASMANIA GRANT 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. 8—
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. Fisher, after debate—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the State of Tasmania.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

And the said Resolution was adopted by the House.

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

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.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the intervening Orders of the Day be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 7, Government Business.
11. 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.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 286—

Amendment moved by Mr. Tudor (p. 160 *ante*), viz. :—That the words of the clause on page 71, and on page 72 up to and inclusive of the words "Provided further that", in line 5, be omitted from the clause—

Debate resumed.

Amendment agreed to.

Sir John Forrest moved a further amendment, That the following proviso be added to the clause (as amended):—

"Provided that the carrying by any ship, ordinarily carrying mails to or from the Commonwealth, of passengers to or from ports in a State the capital city of which is not connected by railway with the capital city of another State shall not be deemed engaging in the coasting trade."

Debate ensued.

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.

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12. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-two 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. Atkinson, Mr. Brown, Mr. Catts, Mr. Deakin, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Hans Irvine, Sir William Lyne and Mr. Ryrie.

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