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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 100.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 13TH DECEMBER, 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. PETITIONS.—Mr. Fowler presented a Petition from certain citizens stating that address-petitions, signed by many citizens, had been sent from Western Australia to Their Majesties the King and Queen, who had sent to the authorities in Western Australia replies to the said documents, but such replies had not been made public, and praying that the House would cause copies of the address-petitions and the replies to be laid on the Table, and sent to the citizen deputed by the Petitioners, thus causing them to be duly informed.

Petition received.

Mr. Fairbairn presented a Petition from E. Norton Grimwade and others, styling themselves respectively President, Vice-Presidents, and Secretary of the Melbourne Chamber of Commerce, praying that, in view of the serious nature of the matters with which the publication *Secret Remedies* deals, the House will be pleased to abstain from the gratuitous distribution of the Parliamentary Papers on these matters until affidavits arrive from England, and an opportunity is afforded of submitting rebutting evidence from those possessing practical experience.

Petition received and read.

Mr. Fairbairn moved, That the Petition be printed.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 45.

Noes, 7.

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| Mr. Anstey          | Mr. McWilliams  |
| Mr. Archibald       | Mr. O'Malley    |
| Mr. Atkinson        | Mr. Palmer      |
| Mr. Bamford         | Mr. Poynton     |
| Mr. Bennett         | Sir John Quick  |
| Mr. Brennan         | Mr. Roberts     |
| Mr. Brown           | Mr. Ryrie       |
| Mr. Cann            | Mr. Sampson     |
| Mr. Chapman         | Mr. Scullin     |
| Mr. Charlton        | Mr. Sinclair    |
| Mr. Cook            | Mr. Bruce Smith |
| Mr. Deakin          | Mr. Laird Smith |
| Mr. Fairbairn       | Mr. Spence      |
| Mr. Fenton          | Mr. Thomas      |
| Mr. Finlayson       | Mr. Thomson     |
| Mr. Fisher          | Mr. Tudor       |
| Mr. Frank J. Foster | Mr. Webster     |
| Mr. R. W. Foster    | Mr. West        |
| Mr. Fuller          | Mr. Wise        |
| Mr. Greene          |                 |
| Mr. Groom           |                 |
| Mr. Higgs           |                 |
| Mr. Howe            |                 |
| Mr. Livingston      |                 |

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| Mr. Catts         |  |
| Mr. W. J. Johnson |  |
| Mr. W. Maloney    |  |
| Mr. McDougall     |  |
| Mr. Riley         |  |

*Tellers.*

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| Mr. Mathews |
| Mr. Page    |

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| Mr. W. Elliot Johnson |
| Mr. Watkins           |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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3. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.  
Question—put and passed.
4. SUGAR EXCISE REPEAL BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—  
Mr. Tudor 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.  
Clause 3 agreed to.  
Title agreed to.  
Bill to be reported without amendment.

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

5. SUGAR BOUNTY ABOLITION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—  
Mr. Tudor 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, 2, and 3 agreed to.  
Title agreed to.  
Bill to be reported without amendment.

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

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 3 and 4, Government Business, be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 8.
7. BOUNTIES BILL (1912).—The Order of the Day having been read for the third reading—Mr. Tudor moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a third time.
8. MANUFACTURES ENCOURAGEMENT BILL (1912).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Tudor 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.)*

Clause 1 agreed to.  
Clause 2 debated and agreed to.  
Clauses 3 and 4 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. Tudor, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was, by leave, read a third time.

9. WOOD PULP AND ROCK PHOSPHATE BOUNTIES BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the third reading—Mr. Tudor moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a third time.
10. IMMIGRATION BILL (1912).—The Order of the Day having been read for the third reading—Mr. Thomas moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a third time.

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11. JUDICIARY BILL (1912).—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 1 again read.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

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

12. INTER-STATE COMMISSION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—

Mr. Hughes moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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.

13. NAVAL DEFENCE BILL (1912).—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 6 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, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

14. COMMONWEALTH WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION BILL—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendments made by the Senate in 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 amendments, which are as follow :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

No. 1.—Page 2, clause 3, line 7, after "child" (first occurring) insert "or of a child in respect of which any maintenance or pre-maternity order has been made".

No. 2.—Page 2, clause 3, line 11, leave out "an illegitimate".

No. 3.—Page 2, clause 3, line 39, after "Commonwealth" add "while employed on active service."

No. 4.—Page 2, clause 4, sub-clause (2.), leave out paragraph (a), viz. :—

"(a) the Commonwealth shall not be liable under this Act in respect of any injury which does not disable the workman for a period of at least one week from earning full wages;"

No. 5.—Page 3, clause 4, after "compensation", lines 1 and 2, insert "from the Commonwealth or any person or to receive from the Commonwealth any gratuity or payment in respect of the accident".

No. 6.—Page 3, clause 4, line 15, after "claim", insert "against the Commonwealth or any person".

No. 7.—Page 3, clause 4, after "compensation", lines 15 and 16, insert "or for any gratuity or payment".

No. 8.—Page 3, clause 4, line 36, leave out "the person from whom the compensation is claimed" and insert "the Commonwealth or person, as the case requires, from whom the compensation, gratuity, or payment is claimed."

On the motion of Mr. Roberts the amendments were dealt with as follows :—

Amendments Nos. 1 and 2 disagreed to.

Amendments Nos. 3 to 8 agreed to.

Resolutions to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

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

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Mr. Roberts moved, That Mr. Hughes, Mr. Tudor, and the Mover be appointed a Committee to draw up a Reason for the House of Representatives disagreeing to Amendments Nos. 1 and 2.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Roberts, on behalf of the Committee, brought up such Reason, which was read, and is as follows:—

Because the amendments cause a limitation.

Mr. Roberts moved, That the Committee's Reason be adopted.

Question—put and passed.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seventeen minutes to ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Carr, Mr. R. Edwards\*, Sir John Forrest, Mr. Frazer, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Hedges, Mr. Hans Irvine\*, and Sir William Lyne.

\* On leave.

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