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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 73.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH DECEMBER, 1913.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—DEFENCE LANDS PURCHASE BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

DENMAN,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 29.*

In accordance with the requirements of Section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives 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 a sum for the purchase of land for Defence purposes.

Government House,

Melbourne, 17th December, 1913.

Ordered, after debate—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House, at a later hour this day.

3. DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered, after debate, That the following Order of the Day be discharged :—

*Public Debts Bill—Consideration, in Committee, of the Governor-General's Message No. 14.*

4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PINE CREEK TO KATHERINE RIVER RAILWAY BILL.—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 to provide for the Construction of a Railway in the Northern Territory from Pine Creek to the Katherine River, the Appointment of Officers, the Making of Charges, and the Appropriation of Money in connexion with such Railway,*" to which it has agreed with the amendments indicated in the annexed Schedule, in which amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

THOS. GIVENS,

President.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 16th December, 1913.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

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5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
 Attorney-General's Department—  
 Rules Publication Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1913, No. 315.  
 Department of External Affairs—  
 Northern Territory—Ordinance of 1913—No. 8—Marriage Validating.
6. PUBLIC SERVICE BILL (1913).—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Service Act 1902-1911* in relation to eligibility for appointment to the Public Service of the Commonwealth by reason of State service.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question—put and passed.  
 Mr. Joseph Cook 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, by leave—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 and 2, be postponed until a later hour this day.
8. COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS BILL (No. 2).—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, and, after debate, agreed to.

Clause 2 agreed to.

Clause 3 debated—

On the motion of Mr. W. H. Irvine, the following amendment was made:—Lines 3 and 4 of clause, omit “bring under the notice of” and insert “report to”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 4 debated and agreed to.

Clause 5 debated and agreed to.

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

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The House resumed; Mr. Fowler reported accordingly.

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

9. PINE CREEK TO KATHERINE RIVER RAILWAY 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.

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(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 5, at end of clause add “but provision shall be made in the construction of the permanent way and works for subsequent alteration to a gauge of not less than four feet eight and one half inches.”

No. 2.—Page 2, clause 8, at end of clause add “and the Railway shall be constructed by day labour.”

No. 3.—Page 2, clause 13, line 37, after “charge” insert “or in the case of a contractor operating any portion of the line before it has been declared open for traffic may permit the charging of”.

No. 4.—Page 3, after clause 14 insert the following new clause:—

“14A.—(1) In the construction of the Railway provision shall be made for the <sup>Wages and conditions of</sup> payment of not less than the prescribed minimum rates of wages and for the observance <sup>employment.</sup> of the prescribed conditions of employment, and also for the recovery of penalties for non-payment of the prescribed rates of wages or for non-compliance with the prescribed conditions of employment.

(2) The minimum rates of wages and the conditions of employment shall be prescribed by the Minister and shall be set forth in a schedule.

(3) Where a dispute arises as to the rates of wages to be paid to or the conditions of employment of any employé the dispute shall be referred to the Judge of the Northern Territory, whose decision shall be final and binding on all parties to the dispute.

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(4) For the purposes of the settlement of a dispute referred to him the Judge of the Northern Territory shall have all the powers which under the *Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904-1911* belong to the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration with regard to the summoning and examination of witnesses, the production of books and documents, and the entry and inspection of any place, premises, materials, machinery, or appliances as if the proceedings were proceedings before that Court."

No. 5.—Page 3, after new clause 14A, insert the following new clause :—

" 14B. In the supply and sale of stores to the men employed in the construction of the Railway by the Government the prices charged shall not be more than the prices for such stores obtaining in Darwin, plus freights." Supply of stores.

Amendment No. 1 agreed to.

Amendment No. 2—

Mr. Glynn moved, That the Amendment be disagreed to.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The Committee divided—

|                   |                  |                |                 |
|-------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Ayes, 28.         |                  | Noes, 25.      |                 |
| Mr. Ahern         | Mr. Manifold     | Mr. Anstey     | Mr. McDonald    |
| Mr. Atkinson      | Mr. Orchard      | Mr. Archibald  | Mr. O'Malley    |
| Mr. James Bennett | Mr. Palmer       | Mr. Arthur     | Mr. Riley       |
| Mr. Boyd          | Mr. Patten       | Mr. Bamford    | Mr. Sharpe      |
| Mr. Chapman       | Mr. Pigott       | Mr. Burns      | Mr. Laird Smith |
| Mr. Joseph Cook   | Mr. Rodgers      | Mr. Dankel     | Mr. Thomas      |
| Mr. Falkiner      | Colonel Rynie    | Mr. Fenton     | Mr. Tudor       |
| Mr. Fleming       | Mr. Sampson      | Mr. Finlayson  | Mr. Watkins     |
| Sir John Forrest  | Mr. Bruce Smith  | Mr. Fisher     | Mr. West        |
| Mr. R. W. Foster  | Mr. Stumm        | Mr. Higgs      |                 |
| Mr. Glynn         | Mr. Wynne        | Mr. Howe       |                 |
| Mr. Groom         |                  | Mr. Hughes     | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Hans Irvine   | <i>Tellers:</i>  | Mr. W. Maloney | Mr. Charlton    |
| Mr. W. H. Irvine  | Mr. Greene       | Mr. Mathews    | Mr. Hannan      |
| Mr. Kendall       | Mr. John Thomson |                |                 |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Amendment No. 3 agreed to.

Amendments Nos. 4 and 5—

On the motion of Mr. Glynn the Amendments were disagreed to.

Resolutions to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Fowler reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Glynn the House adopted the report.

Mr. Glynn moved, That Sir John Forrest, Mr. W. H. Irvine, and the Mover be appointed a Committee to draw up Reasons for the House of Representatives disagreeing to certain Amendments of the Senate.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Glynn, on behalf of the Committee, brought up such Reasons which were read and are as follow :—

*Reasons of the House of Representatives for Disagreeing to certain of the Amendments of the Senate—*

As to Amendment No. 2 (in clause 8)—Because the Minister may find construction by contract the best method to be adopted, and it is undesirable to bind him to any particular manner of construction.

As to Amendment No. 4—

Clause 14A. (1)—

Because the Government will provide for the payment of fair wages and the observance of reasonable conditions of employment, and it is not expedient to provide for the imposition by the Government of penalties on itself.

Clause 14A. (2)—

Because it is not expedient to provide that the Minister shall prescribe and set forth in a schedule all conditions of employment.

Clause 14A. (3) and (4)—

Because adequate provision for this purpose of settlement of a dispute is provided by Ordinance.

As to Amendment No. 5—

Clause 14B.—

Because it is not expedient to regulate the prices to be charged by both Government and private suppliers of stores to men employed in the construction of the railway.

Mr. Glynn moved, That the Committee's Reasons be adopted.

Question—put and passed.

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10. COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS BILL (No. 2).—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.)

New Clause—

On the motion of Mr. W. H. Irvine, after debate, the following new clause was added to the Bill :—

“6. Any person who wilfully gives false evidence on oath or affirmation before the Committee shall be guilty of an indictable offence. False evidence.

Penalty : Five years' imprisonment.”

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Fowler reported accordingly.

Mr. W. H. Irvine moved, pursuant to contingent notice by Mr. Joseph Cook, 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. W. H. Irvine the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—POSTAL VOTING RESTORATION BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 28.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to restore the provisions of the 'Commonwealth Electoral Act 1902-1909' with respect to Voting by Post*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate insists upon its amendments disagreed to by the House of Representatives. The Senate desires the reconsideration of the Bill in respect of such amendments.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 17th December, 1913.

THOS. GIVENS,  
President.

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

Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the Bill be laid aside.

Question—put and passed.

12. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Department of External Affairs.

Papua—Annual Report for the year 1912-13.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

13. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—INSCRIBED STOCK BILL (1913).—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 amend the 'Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Act 1911-12'*”, to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 17th December, 1913.

THOS. GIVENS,  
President.

14. DEFENCE LANDS PURCHASE 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. 29—  
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. Joseph Cook—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 a sum for the purchase of land for Defence purposes.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Fowler reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.

On the motion of Mr. Joseph Cook, the said Resolution was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Joseph Cook and Mr. W. H. Irvine do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Joseph Cook 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. Joseph Cook moved, by leave, 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.)*

Clause 1 agreed to.  
 Clause 2 debated and agreed to.  
 Preamble agreed to.  
 Title agreed to.  
 Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Fowler reported accordingly.  
 On the motion of Mr. Joseph Cook, the House adopted the Report.  
 Mr. Joseph Cook 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. Joseph Cook, the Bill was read a third time.

15. PUBLIC SERVICE BILL (1913).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—  
 Mr. Joseph Cook 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.  
 Title agreed to.  
 Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Fowler reported accordingly.  
 On the motion of Mr. Joseph Cook, after debate, the House adopted the Report.  
 Mr. Joseph Cook 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. Joseph Cook, the Bill was read a third time.

16. BUREAU OF AGRICULTURE BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—  
 Debate resumed.  
 Mr. Falkiner 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.
17. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—NORFOLK ISLAND BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

*Message No. 30.*

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the acceptance of Norfolk Island as a Territory under the authority of the Commonwealth, and for the Government thereof*", and acquaints the House of Representatives that the Senate does not insist upon its amendment No. 1, disagreed to by the House of Representatives.

The Senate insists upon its amendments Nos. 2 and 3 disagreed to by the House of Representatives, as shown in the annexed Schedule, and requests the reconsideration of the Bill in respect to those amendments.

The Senate,  
 Melbourne, 17th December, 1913.

THOS. GIVENS,  
 President.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

18. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—DEFENCE LANDS PURCHASE BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

*Message No. 31.*

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue a sum for the purchase of land for Defence purposes*", to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,  
 Melbourne, 17th December, 1913.

THOS. GIVENS,  
 President.

17th December, 1913.

19. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute :—  
 Attorney-General's Department—  
 Patents Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1913, No. 310.
20. BUREAU OF AGRICULTURE BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—  
 Debate resumed.  
 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 debated and agreed to.  
 Clause 2—  
 Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Fowler reported accordingly.  
 Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

21. SUPPLY [SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS, ETC., 1911-12 AND 1912-13].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

## SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1911-12.

*Resolved*, on the motion of Mr. Joseph Cook—That the following further sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1911-12, for the several services hereunder specified, viz. :—

|  | £       |
|--|---------|
| I. The Parliament                        | 96      |
| II. The Department of Prime Minister     | 1,143   |
| III. The Department of the Treasury      | 28,136  |
| IV. The Attorney-General's Department    | 1,621   |
| V. The Department of External Affairs    | 22,119  |
| VI. The Department of Defence            | 34,555  |
| VII. The Department of Trade and Customs | 8,412   |
| VIII. The Department of Home Affairs     | 31,520  |
| IX. The Postmaster-General's Department  | 120,159 |

## SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1911-12.

*Resolved*, on the motion of Mr. Joseph Cook—That there be granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1911-12, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., a further sum not exceeding £46,876.

## SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1912-13.

*Resolved*, on the motion of Mr. Joseph Cook—That the following further sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1912-13, for the several services hereunder specified, viz. :—

|  | £       |
|--|---------|
| I. The Parliament                        | 433     |
| II. The Department of Prime Minister     | 10,267  |
| III. The Department of the Treasury      | 16,289  |
| Refunds of Revenue                       | 22,382  |
| IV. The Attorney-General's Department    | 1,386   |
| V. The Department of External Affairs    | 33,261  |
| VI. The Department of Defence            | 24,056  |
| VII. The Department of Trade and Customs | 15,957  |
| VIII. The Department of Home Affairs     | 66,035  |
| IX. The Postmaster-General's Department  | 188,173 |

## SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1912-13.

*Resolved*, on the motion of Mr. Joseph Cook—That there be granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1912-13, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., a further sum not exceeding £62,689.

Resolutions to be reported.  
 The House resumed ; Mr. Fowler reported accordingly.

22. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Joseph Cook 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.

- 23. SUPPLY RESOLUTIONS.—The Resolutions reported from the Committee of Supply were read and, on the motion of Mr. Joseph Cook, were adopted by the House.
- 24. WAYS AND MEANS [SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS, ETC., 1911-12 AND 1912-13].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1911-12.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Joseph Cook—That towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year ended 30th June, 1912, a sum not exceeding Two hundred and forty-seven thousand seven hundred and sixty-one pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1911-12.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Joseph Cook—That towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year ended 30th June, 1912, a sum not exceeding Forty-six thousand eight hundred and seventy-six pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1912-13.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Joseph Cook—That towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year ended 30th June, 1913, a sum not exceeding Three hundred and seventy-eight thousand two hundred and thirty-nine pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1912-13.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Joseph Cook—That towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year ended 30th June, 1913, a sum not exceeding Sixty-two thousand six hundred and eighty-nine pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

Resolutions to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Fowler reported accordingly.  
The Resolutions reported from the Committee were read and, on the motion of Mr. Joseph Cook, were adopted by the House.  
Ordered—That Mr. Joseph Cook and Mr. W. H. Irvine do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

- 25. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 1911-12.—Mr. Joseph Cook then 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 twelve,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.  
Mr. Joseph Cook 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 agreed to.
- Preamble agreed to.
- Title agreed to.
- Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Fowler reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Mr. Joseph Cook, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

- 26. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1911-12.—Mr. Joseph Cook 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 twelve for the 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. Joseph Cook 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. Fowler reported accordingly.  
 On the motion of Mr. Joseph Cook, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

27. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 1912-13.—Mr. Joseph Cook 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 thirteen,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Joseph Cook 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 agreed to.  
 Preamble agreed to.  
 Title agreed to.  
 Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Fowler reported accordingly.  
 On the motion of Mr. Joseph Cook, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

28. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1912-13.—Mr. Joseph Cook 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 thirteen for the 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. Joseph Cook 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 agreed to.  
 Preamble agreed to.  
 Title agreed to.  
 Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Fowler reported accordingly.  
 On the motion of Mr. Joseph Cook, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

29. NORFOLK ISLAND BILL.—SENATE'S MESSAGE NO. 30.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Senate's Message No. 30, 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 SHOWING THE AMENDMENTS ON WHICH THE SENATE INSISTS.

No. 2.—Page 4, clause 10, line 23, leave out "grants or other".

No. 3.—Page 4, clause 10, at end of clause add—

"Provided always that no Crown lands in Norfolk Island shall be sold or disposed of for any estate in freehold except in pursuance of some contract entered into before the commencement of this Act."

Mr. Glynn moved, That the Committee insists on disagreeing to Amendments Nos. 2 and 3.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.



The Committee divided—

| Ayes, 23.         |                  | Noes, 19.      |                 |
|-------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Mr. Ahern         | Mr. Palmer       | Mr. Arthur     | Mr. O'Malley    |
| Mr. Atkinson      | Mr. Pigott       | Mr. Bamford    | Mr. Sharpe      |
| Mr. James Bennett | Mr. Rodgers      | Mr. Brennan    | Mr. Laird Smith |
| Mr. Chapman       | Colonel Ryrie    | Mr. Burns      | Mr. Spence      |
| Mr. Joseph Cook   | Mr. Sampson      | Mr. Charlton   | Mr. Tudor       |
| Mr. Falkiner      | Mr. Bruce Smith  | Mr. Dankel     | Mr. West        |
| Mr. R. W. Foster  | Mr. Stumm        | Mr. Fenton     |                 |
| Mr. Glynn         | Mr. Wynne        | Mr. Fisher     | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Groom         |                  | Mr. Hannan     |                 |
| Mr. Hans Irvine   |                  | Mr. W. Maloney | Mr. Mathews     |
| Mr. W. H. Irvine  | <i>Tellers:</i>  | Mr. McDonald   | Mr. Watkins     |
| Mr. Kendell       | Mr. Greene       |                |                 |
| Mr. Manifold      | Mr. John Thomson |                |                 |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.  
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Fowler reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Mr. Glynn, the House adopted the Report.

30. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until eleven o'clock a.m. to-morrow.  
Question—put and passed.
31. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Abbott, Mr. Burchell, Mr. Carr, Mr. Catts, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Jensen, Mr. Livingston, Mr. McGrath under suspension), Mr. Page, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Sinclair, and Mr. Webster.

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