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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 20TH NOVEMBER, 1914.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Postmaster-General's Department—
Public Service Act—
Appointment of J. F. Kirk, as Assistant Engineer, Class D, Electrical Engineer's Branch,
New South Wales.
Promotion of J. P. King, as Postmaster, Grade IV., 3rd Class, Ballina.
3. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (1914) (No. 2).—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. Watt 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 :—
"no Bill relating to industrial arbitration will be satisfactory to this House which does not maintain intact the principle of registration of associations consisting exclusively of employers and employees respectively, for the purpose of industrial agreements and of the settlement of industrial disputes."
Debate ensued.
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put and passed.
Debate on main question continued.
Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—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.
Clause 3 debated and agreed to.
Clause 4 agreed to.
Clause 5—
On the motion of Mr. Hughes the following amendments were made, after debate :—
Page 2, line 45, after "complainant" insert "or respondent".
Page 3, line 6, at end of sub-clause (1.) add "or on any question of law arising in relation to the dispute or to the proceeding or to any award or order of the Court."
Page 3, line 15, omit "or mandamus" and insert "mandamus or injunction".
Clause, as amended, debated and agreed to.
Clause 6 debated and agreed to.
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Clause 7—

On the motion of Mr. Hughes, the following amendments were made :—

Page 3, line 24, after “amended” insert “—(a)”.

Page 3, line 25, omit “after”, and insert “before”.

Page 3, at the end of the clause add “; and (b) by omitting from that sub-section the words ‘the parties to the dispute,’ and inserting in their stead the words ‘the parties to the agreement.’”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 8 and 9 agreed to.

Clause 10—

On the motion of Mr. Hughes the following amendment was made, after debate :—

Page 3, line 44, after “adding” insert “at the end of paragraph (a) of sub-section (1.) the words ‘, together with such other persons, whether employers in the industry or not, as have been appointed officers of the association and admitted as members thereof,’ and”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 11 agreed to.

Clause 12 debated and agreed to.

Clause 13 debated and agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. Hughes the following new clauses, after debate, were added to the Bill :—

“3A. After section nineteen of the Principal Act the following section is inserted :—

‘19A. A plaint by which an industrial dispute is submitted to the Court shall be deemed to have been submitted by the organization by which it purports to have been submitted unless evidence is given on behalf of that organization that the plaint was not in fact submitted by that organization.’”

Plaint to be deemed
plaint of
organization
named therein.

“6A. Section twenty-two of the Principal Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the following sub-section :—

Amendment of s. 22.

‘(2) A certificate by the Registrar in accordance with paragraphs (a) or (b) or (c) of sub-section (1.) of this section shall be conclusive evidence of the facts stated therein.’”

“8A. Section thirty-one of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from sub-section (1.) the words ‘prohibition or mandamus’ and inserting in their stead the words ‘prohibition mandamus or injunction’.”

Amendment of s. 31.

Mr. Gregory moved, That the following new clause be added to the Bill :—

“13A. Section 72 of the Principal Act is amended by adding as sub-section (2.)—

‘The secretary of every organization registered under this Act shall within one month after the completion of the yearly audit and as may be prescribed, deliver to the Registrar a duly audited balance-sheet of the assets and liabilities of the organization made up to the date of closing the accounts and also a duly audited statement of the receipts and expenditure of the organization during the year the subject of such audit in such form as may be prescribed. Provided that such statement shall clearly and separately show the expenditure incurred in sick, accident, and other claims, management, arbitration, costs, and other payments.’”

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Mr. Hughes moved, by leave, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clause 10.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 10—

On the motion of Mr. Hughes the following amendment was made :—

Page 3, line 44, omit the words previously inserted after “adding”, viz. :—“at the end of paragraph (a) of sub-section (1.) the words ‘, together with such other persons, whether employers in the industry or not, as have been appointed officers of the association and admitted as members thereof,’ and”, and insert after “amended” in line 44 the words “(a) by inserting after the word ‘industry’ (last occurring) in paragraph (a) of sub-section (1.) the following proviso :—

‘Provided that an association of employers may be registered as an organization notwithstanding that it contains, in addition to employers in or in connexion with the industry such other persons, whether employers in the industry or not, as have been appointed officers of the association and admitted as members thereof’ ; and (b) ”.

Bill to be reported with a further amendment.

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The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the consideration of the Reports be made an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.

4. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :—

[*Supply Bill (No. 3) 1914-15*]—

R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 16.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and fifteen,*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

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[*Supply (Works and Buildings) Bill (No. 3) 1914-15*]—

R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 17.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and fifteen for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.,*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

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5. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Prime Minister's Department—
Queensland Railway System—Correspondence *re* connexion of, with Port Darwin.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at thirty-seven minutes past six o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Arthur*, Mr. Burns, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Jolley, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Orchard, Mr. Ozanne, Mr. Patten, Colonel Ryrie, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Stumm, and Mr. Yates.

* On leave.

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