

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 13.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER, 1914.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO PATENTS, TRADE MARKS AND DESIGNS BILL (1914).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 18.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to extend the powers of the Governor-General during the continuance of the present hostilities to make regulations under the 'Patents Act 1903-1909,' the 'Trade Marks Act 1905-1912,' and the 'Designs Act 1906-1912,'*" 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.

Government House,
Brisbane, 19th November, 1914.

3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (MR. OZANNE).—Mr. Hannan moved, by leave, That leave of absence for two months be given to the honorable Member for Corio (Mr. Ozanne).
Question—put and passed.
4. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (MR. JOLLEY).—Mr. Fisher moved, by leave, That leave of absence for two months be given to the honorable Member for Grampians (Mr. Jolley).
Question—put and passed.
5. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (COLONEL RYRIE).—Mr. Fisher moved, by leave, That leave of absence for the remainder of the Session be given to the honorable Member for North Sydney (Colonel Ryrie).
Question—put and passed.
6. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Prime Minister's Department—
Belgium, Grant to—Cablegram from His Majesty the King of Belgium acknowledging the Grant and the Resolution passed by the Commonwealth Parliament.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

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7. **ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.**—Mr. Rodgers rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The proposed action of the New South Wales Government to acquire by legislation the entire wheat crop in that State, and its effect upon the Inter-State Trade and Commerce of Australia."

Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—

Mr. Rodgers moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

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.

8. **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PATENTS, TRADE MARKS AND DESIGNS BILL (1914) (No. 2).**—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 14.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to amend the Patents, Trade Marks and Designs Act 1914", to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 25th November, 1914.

THOS. GIVENS,

President.

9. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Defence Department—

Defence Act—Regulations Amended (Provisional)—

Universal Training—Statutory Rules 1914, No. 161.

Military Forces—Statutory Rules 1914, Nos. 158, 159, 160.

10. **CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (1914) (No. 2).**—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Reports from the Committee of the whole House on this Bill—

Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clauses 3, 10, and 13.

Debate ensued.

Point of Order.—A Point of Order having been raised that the Member addressing the House was out of order as he was referring to a case *sub judice*, and Mr. Speaker having upheld the Point of Order, Sir William Irvine handed in, in writing, the following objection to the ruling:—

"That the ruling of the honorable the Speaker—that a Member of this House in speaking on a motion to recommit Clause 13 of a 'Bill for an Act to amend the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904–1911 and the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1914,' is not in order in discussing the constitution and the registration of the Australian Workers' Union on the ground that a case relating to the constitution and registration of that association is pending before the Court—be disagreed with."

The debate thereon was forthwith adjourned to the next sitting day.

Debate on the motion for recommitment continued.

Question—That the Bill be now recommitted for the reconsideration of clauses 3, 10, and 13—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 15.

Noes, 25.

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| Sir Robert Best | Mr. Sampson |
| Mr. Joseph Cook | Mr. Sinclair |
| Mr. R. W. Foster | Mr. Bruce Smith |
| Mr. Glynn | Mr. John Thomson |
| Mr. Gregory | |
| Mr. Groom | |
| Mr. W. Elliot Johnson | <i>Tellers.</i> |
| Mr. Manifold | Mr. Greene |
| Mr. Patten | Mr. Orchard |

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| Mr. Archibald | Mr. Sharpe |
| Mr. Bamford | Mr. Laird Smith |
| Mr. Brennan | Mr. Spence |
| Mr. Burchell | Mr. Thomas |
| Mr. Burns | Mr. Tudor |
| Mr. Chanter | Mr. Webster |
| Mr. Dankel | Mr. West |
| Mr. Finlayson | Mr. Wise |
| Mr. Fisher | Mr. Yates |
| Mr. Higgs | |
| Mr. Hughes | |
| Mr. Lynch | <i>Tellers.</i> |
| Mr. Mahon | Mr. Page |
| Mr. Riley | Mr. Watkins |

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the Reports be now adopted—put and passed.

Ordered—That the third reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

11. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That Orders of the Day, Government Business: Nos. 2 and 3, be postponed until to-morrow.

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12. CUSTOMS BILL (1914).—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—
 Mr. Finlayson moved the following amendment:—
 Line 13, after the word "goods" insert the words:—"and suspend or remit Customs duty on raw materials required to maintain industries and prevent unemployment and on goods required as necessities of life."
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and negatived.
 On the motion of Mr. Groom the following amendment was made, after debate:—
 At end of clause add, "and (c) by inserting the words 'and subsection (1A.)' after the words 'paragraph (b).'"
 Clause, as amended, agreed to.
 Title agreed to.
 Bill to be reported with an amendment.

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

13. PURCHASE TELEPHONE LINES ACQUISITION BILL (1914).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Spence 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 debated and agreed to.
 Clause 2 read—
 Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

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

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

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Abbott, Mr. Arthur*, Mr. Carr, Mr. Catts, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Jolley*, Mr. O'Malley, Mr. Ozanne*, Mr. Pigott, Colonel Ryrice*, and Mr. Stumm.

* On leave.

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