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(SECOND SESSION.)

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 27.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 18TH DECEMBER, 1914.

1. The House met, at twelve o'clock noon, pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. THE RIGHT HONORABLE JOSEPH COOK—APOLOGY TO MR. SPEAKER.—Mr. Speaker read to the House the following letter :—

House of Representatives,
Melbourne, 18th December, 1914.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER,

On reading my *Hansard* proof this morning, I find I am reported as saying :—

“I decline to take any further part in the proceedings of this House, on account of the tyrannical way in which Mr. Speaker conducts them.”

While smarting under a very keen sense of injustice, I none the less realize that the expression, used in the heat of debate, is one which should not have been uttered, and I unreservedly withdraw it, and desire to make you an ample apology.

Yours faithfully,
JOSEPH COOK.

The Hon. C. McDonald, M.P.,
Speaker,

House of Representatives, Melbourne.

Mr. Speaker made a statement to the House concerning the matter, and stated he had accepted the apology of the honorable Member.

3. PRIVILEGE—RIGHT OF MEMBER WHO APPEALS AGAINST MR. SPEAKER'S RULING.—Sir William Irvine moved, That the right to appeal to the House from any ruling of the Speaker by objection in writing and motion under Standing Order 287, is the privilege of every Member of the House, and that it is essential to the maintenance of that privilege that the Speaker should submit the motion in the form in which the Member puts it, and should not refuse to put any such motion on the ground that, in his opinion, it does not correctly state the facts or the nature of the ruling, and that the House on such motion should determine all such questions.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Stumm
Sir William Irvine	
Mr. Kelly	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Patten	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Pigott	Mr. John Thomson

Noes, 29.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Bamford	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Burchell	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Burns	Mr. Sharpe
Mr. Carr	Mr. Spence
Mr. Catts	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Chanter	Mr. West
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Wise
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Yates
Mr. Hannan	
Mr. Higgs	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lynch	Mr. Finlayson
Mr. Mahon	Mr. Page

And so it was negatived.

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4. ESTATE DUTY ASSESSMENT 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 4, clause 8, after sub-clause (7.) add the following new sub-clause :—

“(8.) In this Act, ‘public educational purposes’ includes the establishment or endowment of an educational institution for the benefit of the public or a section of the public.”

No. 2.—Page 8, clause 28, line 17, leave out “sub-section (1.) of”.

No. 3.—Page 8, clause 29, line 19, after “payable” insert “by the administrator”.

No. 4.—Page 9, clause 35, line 14, after “apportioned” insert “by the administrator”.

No. 5.—Page 10, clause 41, line 28, leave out “or trustee”.

On the motion of Mr. Fisher, after debate, the Committee agreed to the Amendments. Resolutions to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. W. Maloney reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Fisher, the House adopted the Report.

5. TREASURY BILLS 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. Deputy-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 3, clause 13, line 18, after “it” insert “or makes or has in his possession any instrument or thing for the purpose of making any imitation of any descriptive mark or signature on any Treasury Bill or coupon for the payment of money in respect of a Treasury Bill,”.

No. 2.—Page 3, clause 13, lines 26–31, leave out “or (c) makes or has in his possession any instrument or thing for the purpose of making any imitation of any descriptive mark or signature on any Treasury Bill or coupon for the payment of money in respect of a Treasury Bill,”.

On the motion of Mr. Fisher, the Committee agreed to the Amendments. Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. W. Maloney reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Fisher, the House adopted the Report.

6. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday, 14th April, 1915, unless Mr. Speaker shall, prior to that date, by telegram addressed to each Member of the House, fix an earlier day of meeting.
Question—put and passed.
7. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS.—Mr. Fisher moved, by leave, That leave of absence be granted to every Member of the House of Representatives from the determination of the last sitting of the House in the year 1914 to the date of its first sitting in the year 1915.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
8. 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), absent on public service.
Question—put and passed.
9. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Attorney-General's Department—
Conciliation and Arbitration.—Report of Proceedings taken under the Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904–1911, and Arbitration (Public Service) Act 1911, for the year 1913, and up to 1st May, 1914.

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

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10. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—COMMONWEALTH BANK BILL (1914).—Mr. Deputy-Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 34.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to amend the 'Commonwealth Bank Act 1911'," to which it has agreed without amendment.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 18th December, 1914.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—AUSTRALIAN NOTES BILL (1914).—Mr. Deputy-Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 35.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to amend section six of the 'Australian Notes Act 1910-11'," to which it has agreed without amendment.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 18th December, 1914.

12. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE BILL (1914).—Mr. Deputy-Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 36.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to amend section fifteen of the 'Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913,'" to which it has agreed without amendment.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 18th December, 1914.

13. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—DEFENCE BILL (1914).—Mr. Deputy-Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 37.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to amend the 'Defence Act 1903-1912,'" and acquaints the House that the Senate has disagreed to the amendment made by the House of Representatives in clause 14 of the Bill, and has made a consequential amendment in such clause, in which amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
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Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration forthwith in Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Deputy-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 AMENDMENT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISAGREED TO AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE.

Amendment made by the House of Representatives, viz. :—

Page 3, clause 14, line 42, after the word "paragraphs :—" insert the following paragraph :—

"and (da) Persons who are employed in a civil capacity for any purpose in connexion with the Defence Force (whether subject to the *Commonwealth Public Service Act 1902-1913* or not), or in any factory established in pursuance of this Act ;".

Amendment of House disagreed to but following consequential amendment made in the Bill :—

Page 4, clause 14, at end of clause add—

(5) The Minister may by order under his hand exempt persons who are employed in a civil capacity for any purpose in connexion with the Defence Force (whether subject to the *Commonwealth Public Service Act 1902-1913* or not), or in any factory established in pursuance of this Act."

On the motion of Mr. Mahon, the Committee agreed not to insist on the amendment made by the House, and to agree to the consequential amendment made by the Senate.
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. W. Maloney reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Mahon the House adopted the Report.

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14. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—IRON BOUNTY BILL (1914).—Mr. Deputy-Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 38.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the Payment of Bounty on the Manufacture of Pig Iron from Australian Ore,*" to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 18th December, 1914.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

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

And then the House, at half-past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, 14th April next at three o'clock p.m., unless Mr. Speaker shall, prior to that date, by telegram addressed to each Member of the House, fix an earlier date of meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Charlton, Sir John Forrest, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Groom, Mr. Jensen, Mr. W. Elliot Johnson, Mr. Jolley*, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Orchard, Mr. Ozanne*, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Riley, Colonel Ryrie*, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Webster.

* On leave.

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