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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 59.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 24TH JUNE, 1915.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Department of the Treasury—
 - Audit Act—Naval Account Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 86.
 - Department of Trade and Customs—
 - Customs Act—
 - Regulation Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 68.
 - Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1915—Nos. 69, 70.
 - Excise Act—Tobacco Regulation Amended—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 67.
 - Iron Bounty Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 83.
 - Lighthouses Act—Commonwealth Light Dues Regulations—Statutory Rules 1915, No. 96.
 - Department of Home Affairs—
 - Lands Acquisition Act—
 - Land acquired under, at—
 - Albury, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.
 - Bacchus Marsh, Victoria—For Defence purposes.
 - Charing Cross, Waverley, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.
 - Coraki, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.
 - Molong, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.
 - Moonah, Tasmania—For Postal purposes.
 - Moonta, South Australia—For Defence purposes.
 - North Fitzroy, Victoria—For Defence purposes.
 - Pingelly, Western Australia—For Defence purposes.
 - Roseville, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.
 - Southport, Queensland—For Defence purposes.
 - Surry Hills, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.
3. SUPPLY [“GRIEVANCE DAY”].—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—
 - Question proposed—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
 - Mr. Catts moved, as 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:—
 - “in the opinion of this House the duty of £6 per ton be remitted on the amount of sugar necessary to be imported (as ascertained by the Attorney-General) to cover the deficiency between last season’s and the forthcoming season’s Australian crop.”
 - Mr. Fisher 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 a later hour this day.

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4. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (TRADE AND COMMERCE) 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. Joseph Cook moved the following amendment :—“That this Bill be not proceeded with at the present time, as it is expedient and necessary in the interests of Australia and the Empire that during the continuance of the terrible state of war now raging there should be a cessation in Parliament of all party conflict, and that measures absolutely necessary for the most strenuous prosecution of the war and for the proper administration of public business, should alone be dealt with.”

Mr. Speaker ruled that the amendment was out of order, and that it could not be accepted without alteration.

The amendment was withdrawn.

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.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. W. Maloney reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Hughes, the House adopted the Report.

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

5. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (CORPORATIONS) 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.

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.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. W. Maloney reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Hughes, the House adopted the Report.

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

6. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (INDUSTRIAL MATTERS) 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.

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.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Hughes, the House adopted the Report.

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

7. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (TRUSTS) 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.

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.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Hughes, the House adopted the Report.

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

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8. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (RAILWAY DISPUTES) 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. 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.
Preamble agreed to.
Title agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Hughes, the House adopted the Report.
Ordered—That the third reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

9. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (NATIONALIZATION OF MONOPOLIES) 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. 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.
Preamble agreed to.
Title agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Hughes, the House adopted the Report.
Ordered—That the third reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 8 be postponed to a later hour this day.
11. LIGHTHOUSES BILL (1915).—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.*)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.
Clause 3 debated and agreed to.
Title agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. John Thomson reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Tudor, the House adopted the Report.
Mr. Tudor 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.
Mr. Tudor moved, That the Bill be now read a third time. Debate ensued. Question—put and passed.—Bill read a third time.

12. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS—SEWERAGE SCHEME FOR FLINDERS NAVAL BASE.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Riley:—That the Report [*presented 26th ultimo, page 222 ante*] be printed—Debate resumed. Question—put and passed.
13. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the remaining Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until after the Notice of Motion, Government Business.

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14. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF CITY RAILWAY, AND DAMS, CANBERRA.—Mr. Archibald moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1914*, the following works be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for their report thereon, viz. :—

City Railway, and Dams for Ornamental Waters incident to the schematic plan of Canberra prepared by Mr. Griffin, and dated 20th March, 1915.

Mr. Archibald laid on the Table a Plan, and Reports.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Lieut.-Colonel Abbott*, Mr. Anstey, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Lynch, and Colonel Ryrie*.

* On leave.

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