THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 67.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 3RD SEPTEMBER, 1920.

- 1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—ROYAL COMMISSION ON TAXATION.—Sir Joseph Cook, by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the appointment of a Commission to inquire into and report upon the incidence of Commonwealth Taxation and upon any necessary alterations.
- 3. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (1920).—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 Clauses (continued)—

Mr. Cunningham moved, That the following new clause be added to the Bill:-

The following section is inserted in the Principal Act:-

"Independent industrial inspectors shall be appointed whose duty it shall be to see that the terms of awards are completely and satisfactorily carried out."

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The Committee divided-

Ayes, 12.	Noes, 30.
Mr. Charlton Mr. Cunningham Mr. Gabb Mr. Lavelle Mr. Lazzarini Mr. W. Maloney Mr. Brennan Mr. Brennan Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Bayley Mr. Bell Mr. Bruce Mr. Donald Cameron Mr. Austin Chapman Sir Joseph Cook Mr. Robert Cook Mr. Corser Mr. Fleming Mr. R. W. Foster Mr. Fowler Mr. Gibson Mr. Greene Mr. Gregory Mr. Hill Mr. Hughes Mr. Lister Mr. Maxwell Mr. McWilliams Mr. McWilliams Mr. Rowell Mr. Poynton Mr. Rodgers Sir Granville Ryrie Mr. Laird Smith Mr. Wienholt Mr. Wise Tellers: Mr. Burchell Mr. Burchell Mr. Story

And so it was negatived.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly F.255.

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Mr. Hughes moved, That the Bill be recommitted for the re-consideration of clause 4 with a view to the addition of a further sub-clause as printed and circulated, and for the re-consideration of clause 16 with a view to the alteration of a paragraph as printed and circulated.

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 4-

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

Line 7, after "amended" insert "-(a)".

At the end of the clause insert-

"; and

- (b) by inserting therein after sub-section (1.) the following sub-section:
- '(1a.) An employer shall not threaten to dismiss an employee, or to injure him in his employment, or to alter his position to his prejudice-
 - (a) by reason of the circumstance that the employee is, or proposes to become, an officer or member of an organization, or of an association that has applied to be registered as an organization, or that the employee proposes to appear as a witness or to give evidence in a proceeding under this Act; or

(b) with the intent to dissuade or prevent the employee from becoming such officer or member or from so appearing or giving evidence.

Penalty: Fifty pounds."

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 16-

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

Omit "(e) any officer of the organization authorized under its rules to sue on behalf of the organization" and insert-

"(e) any officer of any organization which is affected, or any of whose members are affected, by the breach or non-observance, who is authorized under the rules of the organization to sue on behalf of the organization."

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with further amendments.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Mr. Hughes 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.

On the motion of Mr. Hughes, the House adopted the Reports, and, after debate, the Bill was read a third time.

- 4. Paper.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute— War Service Homes Act-Land acquired under, at Wollongong, New South Wales.
- 5. Arbitration (Public Service) Bill (1920).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Hughes moved, That the Bill be now read a second time. Mr. Tudor 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 the next sitting.

6. Audit Bill (1920).—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 1, clause 3, leave out the clause.

No. 2.—Pages 1 and 2, clause 4, leave out the clause. No. 3.—Page 2, clause 5, leave out the clause.

On the motion of Sir Joseph Cook, after debate, the Amendments were agreed to. Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly. On the motion of Sir Joseph Cook, the House adopted the Report.

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7. INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY 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 2, clause 5, line 21, leave out "comprise", insert "establish".

No. 2.—Page 2, clause 5, line 23, leave out "Industry", insert "Industries".

No. 3.—Page 2, clause 6, line 25, after "appoint" insert "a General Advisory Council and".

On the motion of Mr. Greene, the Amendments were agreed to. Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Bamford reported accordingly. On the motion of Mr. Greene, the House adopted the Report.

- 8. Postponement of Orders of the Day.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day, Government Business, No. 5, 6, and 7 be postponed until after Orders of the Day Nos. 8 and 9.
- 9. Papua Bill (1920).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Poynton moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Charlton 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 the next sitting.

10. Census and Statistics Bill (1920).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Poynton moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Charlton 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 the next sitting.

- 11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the intervening Orders of the Day be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 15, Government Business.
- 12. NAVIGATION BILL (1920).—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.)

Clause 73.

Debate ensued.

Motion for postponement of clause (see page 204 ante) withdrawn by leave.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 74 agreed to.

Clause 75 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 76 to 79 agreed to.

Clause 80 debated and agreed to.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at its next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

13. Message from the Senate.—Industrial Peace Bill.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:-

Mr. Speaker,

President.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act relating to Industrial Matters, and the Prevention and Settlement of Industrial Disputes", 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,

The Senate,

Melbourne, 3rd September, 1920.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

14. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.

Question-put and passed.

And then the House, at six minutes to four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Blundell, Mr. Bowden*, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Considine, Mr. Fenton, Mr. Hay, Mr. Higgs, Mr. Jowett, Mr. Lamond, Mr. Makin, Mr. Marks, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. James Page*, Mr. Prowse, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Watt*, and Mr. West.

* On! leave.

WALTER A. GALE, Clerk of the House of Kepresentatives.