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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 79.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER, 1907.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MAIL SERVICE TO EUROPE—AGREEMENT WITH ORIENT COMPANY.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Mauger :—

That the House of Representatives approves the Agreement made and entered into the 15th day of November, 1907, between His Majesty's Postmaster-General in and for the Commonwealth of Australia of the first part, Orient Steam Navigation Company Limited of the second part, and the Law Guarantee and Trust Society Limited of the third part for the carriage of mails and services to be performed as therein provided, a copy of which Agreement has been laid upon the Table of the House—

And on the following amendment proposed thereto by Mr. Thomas :—That all the words after the word "Representatives" be omitted from the motion with a view to the insertion in place thereof of the words—"is of opinion that, in the best interests of the Commonwealth, the Government should purchase and control a fleet of mail steamers capable of maintaining a fortnightly mail service between Australia and Great Britain"—

Debate resumed.

Debate interrupted—

Ordered—That the debate be resumed as soon as Message No. 19 from the Senate has been dealt with.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 4) 1907-8.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 18.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and eight," to which it has agreed without requests.

A. J. GOULD,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 22nd November, 1907.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—BOUNTIES BILL (1907).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 19.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to provide for the Payment of Bounties on the Production of certain Goods," and acquaints the House of Representatives that the Senate does not insist upon its amendment No. 9, disagreed to by the House of Representatives.

The Senate agrees to the amendment of the House of Representatives upon its amendment No. 11, and to consequential amendment in amendment No. 2.

The Senate insists upon its amendment No. 7, disagreed to by the House of Representatives, as shown in the annexed Schedule, and requests the reconsideration of the Bill in respect to that amendment and to amendments Nos. 2 and 12, in which the Senate has made consequential amendments, as shown in the annexed Schedule.

A. J. GOULD,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 22nd November, 1907.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration forthwith.

And the said amendments were read and are as follow:—

SCHEDULE SHOWING THE AMENDMENT ON WHICH THE SENATE INSISTS.

No. 7.—Page 4, First Schedule, leave out Item—

“Copra ... 15 years ... 15 per cent. on market value ... £5,000”.

SCHEDULE SHOWING THE AMENDMENTS OF THE SENATE IN WHICH THE SENATE HAS MADE CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS ON THE AMENDMENTS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 2.—Page 1, clause 2, line 8, leave out “twelve”, insert “twenty-three”.

House of Representatives amendment to insert “ninety-seven” disagreed to, and words “thirty-nine” inserted in lieu thereof.

No. 12.—Page 5, Second Schedule, leave out amounts in second column, insert—

£
“43,000
91,000
142,000
193,000
244,000
264,000
282,000
296,000
303,500
311,000
313,500
316,000
318,500
321,000
323,500”.

Amounts inserted by the Senate not insisted on.

Amounts inserted by the House of Representatives disagreed to and the following inserted as consequential on action on amendments Nos. 7 and 9.

£
“46,000
97,000
151,000
205,000
259,500
279,500
297,500
311,500
319,000
326,500
329,000
331,500
334,000
336,500
339,000”.

Mr. Groom moved, That disagreement with amendment No. 7, insisted on by the Senate, be not insisted on, and that the other amendments of the Senate in the Bill be agreed to.

The House divided—

Ayes, 39.

Mr. Archer,	Sir William Lyne,
Mr. Carr,	Mr. Mauger,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. McWilliams,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. O’Malley,
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Palmer,
Mr. Coon,	Mr. Poynton,
Mr. Deakin,	Sir John Quick,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Fairbairn,	Mr. Sampson,
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Storrer,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. John Thomson,
Mr. Glynn,	Mr. Tudor,
Mr. Groom,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Harper,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Hedges,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. W. H. Irvine,	Mr. Wise.
Mr. Johnson,	Tellers.
Mr. Knox,	Mr. Hume Cook,
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Crouch.

Noes, 16.

Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. Maloney,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Mathews,
Mr. Edwards,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Spence.
Mr. Hughes,	
Mr. Hutchison,	Tellers.
Mr. Hans Irvine,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Thomas.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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5. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCE THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

NORTHCOTE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 19.

A Bill intituled “*An Act to amend the Law relating to Parliamentary Elections and to provide for the Settlement of Questions relating to the Qualifications of Members of the Parliament and to Vacancies in either House of the Parliament*,” 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.

Melbourne, 22nd November, 1907.

6. MAIL SERVICE TO EUROPE—AGREEMENT WITH ORIENT COMPANY.—Debate (interrupted as shown on page 177) resumed upon the following motion of Mr. Mauger:—

That the House of Representatives approves the Agreement made and entered into the 15th day of November, 1907, between His Majesty’s Postmaster-General in and for the Commonwealth of Australia of the first part, Orient Steam Navigation Company Limited of the second part, and the Law Guarantee and Trust Society Limited of the third part for the carriage of mails and services to be performed as therein provided, a copy of which Agreement has been laid upon the Table of the House—

And on the following amendment proposed thereto by Mr. Thomas:—That all the words after the word “Representatives” be omitted from the motion with a view to the insertion in place thereof of the words—“is of opinion that, in the best interests of the Commonwealth, the Government should purchase and control a fleet of mail steamers capable of maintaining a fortnightly mail service between Australia and Great Britain.”

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the motion—put.
 The House divided—

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Atkinson,	Mr. Mauger,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. McWilliams,
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Sir John Quick,
Mr. Coon,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Sampson,
Mr. Edwards,	Mr. Sinclair,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,
Colonel Foxton,	Mr. John Thomson,
Mr. Groom,	Mr. Wilks.
Mr. Hedges,	
Mr. Liddell,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Hume Cook,
Sir William Lyne,	Mr. Johnson.

Noes, 17.

Mr. Carr,	Mr. Poynton,
Mr. Catts,	Mr. Spence,
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Storrer,
Mr. Fowler,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Watkins.
Mr. Maloney,	
Mr. Mathews,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McDougall,	
Mr. O’Malley,	Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Page,	Mr. Tudor.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The following amendment of Mr. Frazer was then submitted for the decision of the House:—That the following words be added to the motion—“subject to a provision being inserted in the mail contract that the freights for importations shall be the same to all Australian ports at which the mail-boats touch.”

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put and negatived.

The following amendment of Mr. Johnson was then submitted for the decision of the House:—That the following words be added to the motion—“subject to the term of the contract being reduced from ten to seven years with the right of extension for a further period of three years on the same terms.”

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Bamford,	Mr. O’Malley,
Mr. Catts,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Spence,
Mr. Fowler,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Tudor,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Liddell,	Mr. Wilks.
Mr. Livingston,	
Mr. Mathews,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McDougall,	Mr. Carr,
Mr. McWilliams,	Mr. Johnson.

Noes, 23.

Mr. Chapman,	Sir John Quick,
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Sampson,
Mr. Coon,	Mr. Sinclair,
Mr. Edwards,	Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Storrer,
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,
Colonel Foxton,	Mr. John Thomson,
Mr. Groom,	Mr. Wise.
Mr. Hedges,	
Sir William Lyne,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Maloney,	
Mr. Mauger,	Mr. Atkinson,
Mr. Page,	Mr. Hume Cook.

And so it passed in the negative.

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And the House continuing to sit till after midnight—

SATURDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER, 1907.

The following amendment of Mr. Poynton was then submitted for the decision of the House:—That the following words be added to the motion—"subject to the inclusion in the Agreement in clause 9, sub-clause 4, after the word 'fruit' in the second line, of the words 'or frozen meat,' and in line 4 of the same sub-clause after 'fruit' 'and ½d. per lb. net for frozen meat.'"

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Bamford,	Mr. Poynton,
Mr. Catts,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Spence,
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Tudor.
Mr. Liddell,	
Mr. Livingston,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McDougall,	
Mr. McWilliams,	Mr. Batchelor,
Mr. O'Malley,	Mr. Wilks.

Noes, 27.

Mr. Archer,	Mr. Mauger,
Mr. Atkinson,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Carr,	Sir John Quick,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Sampson,
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Sinclair,
Mr. Edwards,	Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Storrer,
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,
Colonel Foxton,	Mr. John Thomson,
Mr. Groom,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Hedges,	Mr. Wise.
Sir William Lyne,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Hume Cook,
Mr. Mathews,	Mr. Coon.

And so it passed in the negative.

The following amendment of Mr. Wilks was then submitted for the decision of the House:—That the following words be added to the motion—"subject to the inclusion in the Agreement of a clause providing that, whenever practicable, the mail steamers shall be docked in Australia."

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Bamford,	Mr. O'Malley,
Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. Poynton,
Mr. Catts,	Mr. Spence,
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Fowler,	Mr. Tudor,
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Wilks.
Mr. Hutchison,	
Mr. Liddell,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Livingston,	
Mr. Mathews,	Mr. Maloney,
Mr. McDougall,	Mr. McWilliams.

Noes, 26.

Mr. Archer,	Sir John Quick,
Mr. Carr,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Sampson,
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Sinclair,
Mr. Coon,	Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. Edwards,	Mr. Storrer,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. John Thomson,
Colonel Foxton,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Groom,	Mr. Wise.
Mr. Hedges,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Sir William Lyne,	Mr. Atkinson,
Mr. Mauger,	Mr. Hume Cook,
Mr. Page,	

And so it passed in the negative.

The following amendment of Mr. McWilliams was then submitted for the decision of the House:—That the following words be added to the motion—"That the proviso in Clause 8 be omitted from the contract."

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Atkinson,	Mr. McWilliams,
Mr. Bamford,	Mr. O'Malley,
Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. Sinclair,
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Spence,
Mr. Edwards,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Wilks.
Mr. Hutchison,	
Mr. Liddell,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Livingston,	
Mr. Mathews,	Mr. Archer,
Mr. McDougall,	Mr. Johnson.

Noes, 23.

Mr. Carr,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Catts,	Mr. Sampson,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Storrer,
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. John Thomson,
Colonel Foxton,	Mr. Tudor,
Mr. Groom,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Hedges,	Mr. Wise.
Sir William Lyne,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Maloney,	
Mr. Mauger,	
Mr. Page,	Mr. Hume Cook,
Sir John Quick,	Mr. Coon.

And so it passed in the negative.

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The following amendment of Mr. Edwards was then submitted for the decision of the House:—
That the following words be added to the motion—"And further, That arrangements should be made that Queensland be relieved during the currency of the interim contract of the payment of the extra subsidy now paid by that State to the Orient Steam Navigation Company."

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Bamford,	Mr. Sinclair,
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Spence,
Colonel Foxton,	Mr. Thomas.
Mr. Frazer,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Liddell,	
Mr. McWilliams,	Mr. Archer,
Mr. Page,	Mr. Edwards.

Noes, 33.

Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. O'Malley,
Mr. Carr,	Mr. Poynton,
Mr. Catts,	Sir John Quick,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Sampson,
Mr. Coon,	Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Storrer,
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,
Mr. Fowler,	Mr. John Thomson,
Mr. Hedges,	Mr. Tudor,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Johnson,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Wise.
Sir William Lyne,	
Mr. Maloney,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mathews,	
Mr. Mauger,	Mr. Atkinson,
Mr. McDougall,	Mr. Hume Cook.

And so it passed in the negative.

Question—That the House of Representatives approves the Agreement made and entered into the 15th day of November, 1907, between His Majesty's Postmaster-General in and for the Commonwealth of Australia of the first part, Orient Steam Navigation Company Limited of the second part, and the Law Guarantee and Trust Society Limited of the third part for the carriage of mails and services to be performed as therein provided, a copy of which Agreement has been laid upon the Table of the House—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Atkinson,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Carr,	Sir John Quick,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Sampson,
Mr. Coon,	Mr. Sinclair,
Mr. Edwards,	Mr. Storrer,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. John Thomson,
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Watkins,
Colonel Foxton,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Groom,	Mr. Wise.
Mr. Hedges,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Liddell,	
Sir William Lyne,	Mr. Archer,
Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Hume Cook.
Mr. Mauger,	

Noes, 14.

Mr. Bamford,	Mr. O'Malley,
Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. Spence,
Mr. Catts,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Fowler,	Mr. Tudor.
Mr. Frazer,	
Mr. Livingston,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McDougall,	Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. McWilliams,	Mr. Mathews.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

7. ADDITIONAL DAY OF MEETING.—Sir William Lyne moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until this day at eleven o'clock a.m.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir William Lyne moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at four minutes past one o'clock in the morning adjourned until this day at eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bowden, Mr. Tilley Brown, Mr. Kelly*, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. Reid, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Wilson.

* On leave.

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