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 THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 23.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 11TH AUGUST, 1910.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPUA—APPOINTMENTS MADE IN PUBLIC SERVICE.—Mr. W. Elliot Johnson moved, pursuant to notice, *amended*, That a Return be laid upon the Table of the House of all existing permanent appointments made in the Public Service of Papua since the inauguration of the Constitution, giving—
- (1) Names of appointees.
 - (2) Date of appointment.
 - (3) By whom appointed.
 - (4) Nature of each appointment.
- Question—put and passed.
3. PAPER.—The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
- Pearl-shelling Industry—Permits to Coloured Aliens—Return to an Order of the House, dated 13th July, 1910.
4. OLD-AGE PENSIONS—SUMS ACCRUED AT DEATH—PAYMENT TO HOSPITALS.—Mr. Kelly moved pursuant to notice, That this House is of opinion that old-age or invalid pensions accruing between the date of the last payment of the same and the death of the pensioner should be paid to the heir or heirs-at-law of the deceased.
- Debate ensued.
- Mr. Cook moved an amendment, That the words “or such person as the old-age pensioner has nominated, and is further of the opinion that payment should be made by the Government to the hospital authorities when and so long as the pensioner is an inmate of any such hospital” be added to the motion.
- Debate continued.
- And the proposed amendment, having been, by leave, amended, was agreed to as follows :—
- Omit the words “the heir or heirs-at-law of the deceased” and insert in place thereof the words “such person as the old-age pensioner has nominated, and is further of the opinion that payment should be made by the Government to the public hospital authorities when and so long as the pensioner is an inmate of any such hospital”.
- Question—That this House is of opinion that old-age or invalid pensions accruing between the date of the last payment of the same and the death of the pensioner should be paid to such person as the old-age pensioner has nominated, and is further of the opinion that payment should be made by the Government to the public hospital authorities when and so long as the pensioner is an inmate of any such hospital—put and passed.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—NAVAL LOAN REPEAL BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 8.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to repeal the Naval Loan Act 1909*”, to which it has agreed without amendment.

H. TURLEY,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 11th August, 1910.

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6. **POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.**—Ordered, That Notice of Motion No. 2 be postponed until Thursday, 25th instant, that Notice of Motion No. 3 be made an Order of the Day for Thursday next, and that Order of the Day, General Business No. 1, be postponed until Thursday, 6th October next.
7. **TASMANIAN CUSTOMS "LEAKAGE."**—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Jensen:—That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the State of Tasmania be granted a sum of Twenty-five thousand pounds yearly by the Commonwealth for a period of nine years to recoup the said State for the loss sustained in Customs leakage since the advent of Federation—
Mr. Poynton moved an amendment, That the words "in Customs leakage" be omitted from the motion.
Debate ensued.
Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Mr. W. Elliot Johnson moved an amendment, That the words "of Twenty-five thousand pounds" be omitted.
Debate ensued.
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the motion—put and passed.
Mr. Scullin moved an amendment, That all the words after the first word "That" be omitted, and that in place thereof the following words be inserted, viz. :—
"a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the alleged Customs leakage of Tasmania and any losses the said State has suffered since the advent of Federation."
And the amendment having been agreed to—
Mr. Frazer moved a further amendment, That the words "such Committee to consist of Mr. Bamford, Sir John Forrest, Mr. Jensen, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Roberts, and Mr. Wynne; three to be a quorum" be added to the motion.
And the words proposed to be added, having been so added—
Question—That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the alleged Customs leakage of Tasmania and any losses the said State has suffered since the advent of Federation; such Committee to consist of Mr. Bamford, Sir John Forrest, Mr. Jensen, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Roberts, and Mr. Wynne; three to be a quorum—put and passed.
8. **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.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.
9. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered, That Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 2, be postponed until to-morrow.
10. **AUSTRALIAN NOTES 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. Greene addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
11. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at half-past 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—Mr. Carr, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Charlton, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Finlayson, Mr. Frank J. Foster, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. W. J. Johnson, Mr. Mahon, Mr. Page, Mr. Riley, and Mr. Salmon.

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