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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 27.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 18TH AUGUST, 1910.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITION.—Mr. Atkinson (for Mr. W. H. Irvine) presented a Petition from Telephone Subscribers at Berwick, praying that the House will see fit to suspend the operation of Telephone Regulation 7A, which places all telephones, except proprietary lines, on the Toll system from 1st September next, until the whole matter of the condition of the telephone service has been further considered, and particularly until the recommendations of the Postal Commission on the subject have been placed before Parliament.
Petition received.
3. PRINTING COMMITTEE—SECOND REPORT FROM.—Mr. McDougall, for the Chairman, brought up the Second Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate).
The Report was read by the Clerk, and is as follows :—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have met in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the undermentioned Petitions and Papers presented to Parliament, make the following recommendations :—

Subject of Paper.	Recommendation of Committee.	Remarks.
†Petitions—		
Telephone Regulation 7A—Praying that the House will see fit to suspend the operation of Telephone Regulation 7A, &c.—		
From Telephone Subscribers at Bendigo ..	To be printed	
20 similar Petitions	To be noted on preceding Petition	
Papers—		
Beer Excise Act—Statutory Rules 1910, No. 65 ..	No recommendation	Already in print and circulated to Members
Defence Act—Statutory Rules 1910, Nos. 67, 68, and 69	..	.. ..
Electoral Act and Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act—Statutory Rules 1910, No. 23	..	.. ..
Excise Act—Statutory Rules 1910, No. 71 ..	..	.. ..
†Federal Capital Site—Water Supply—Discharges of the Cotter River, 20th May to 29th June, 1910	..	.. ..
Fisheries—Report by the Director, 20th June to 1st July, 1910	To be printed	
Lands Acquisition Act—		
Disposal of land as part compensation to H. S. Bliss for land acquired at Enoggera	No recommendation	Published in <i>Gazette</i>
Land re-transferred under, at Leongatha ..	..	.. ..
Land acquired under, at Wallerawang ..	..	.. ..
Manufactures Encouragement Act—Return of Bounty paid during 1909–10	To be printed	

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REPORT—*continued.*

Subject of Paper.	Recommendation of Committee.	Remarks.
<i>Papers—continued.</i>		
Northern Territory Acceptance Bill—Opinion of Attorney-General <i>re</i> the Interpretation of the Clause in the Agreement relating to the Trans-continental Railway	To be printed	
<i>Papua—</i>		
† Appointments made in the Public Service ..	No recommenda- tion	
Ordinances of 1910, Nos. 2, 3, and 4	To be printed	
* Reports on the Progress of the Territory, by Hon. Staniforth Smith—		
Dated 16th December, 1909	No recommenda- tion	
Dated 12th February, 1910	"	
* Petherick Collection—		
Agreement, dated 4th November, 1909 ..	"	Printed with Petherick Collection Bill
Agreement, dated 9th November, 1909 ..	"	" "
Postmaster-General's Department—		
† General Post Office, Sydney—Hours worked by Officers in the Delivery and Despatch Rooms		
* Mail and Despatch Officers in each State on 30th June, 1906, and 30th June, 1910	To be printed	
† Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of Post Offices in the Commonwealth—		
For 1907	"	
For 1908	"	
† Pearl-shelling Industry—Permits to Coloured Aliens		
Public Service—Examination Fees—Memorandum by the Commissioner	To be printed	
Public Service Act—		
Recommendations, &c., <i>re</i> appointments and promotions in cases of:—J. L. Cantwell, G. H. Gatehouse, E. J. Howells, J. J. Maher, F. J. Quinlan, and C. L. Westbrook		
Temporary Employés—Return for 1909–10 ..	"	
Seamen's Compensation Act—Statutory Rules 1910, No. 70	No recommenda- tion	Already in print and circulated to Members
† Sugar—Production—White and Black Labour employed, &c.	To be printed	
* Surplus Revenue—Payments to the States, &c.	No recommenda- tion	
* Tasmanian Customs Return—Memorandum by Senator Keating	To be printed	

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J. K. McDOUGALL,
For Chairman.Committee Room,
18th August, 1910.Mr. McDougall moved, by leave, That the Report be adopted.
Question—put and passed.

4. **SUSPENSION OF MEMBER.**—The honorable Member for Cook (Mr. Catts) having been called on by Mr. Speaker to withdraw an expression he had used to another honorable Member, and to apologize to the honorable Member referred to and to the House, and Mr. Catts refusing to carry out the instructions of the Chair—
Mr. Speaker named Mr. Catts for disregarding the authority of the Chair.
Mr. Fisher moved, That the honorable Member for Cook (Mr. Catts) be suspended from the service of the House.
Question—put and passed, and, under Standing Order 59, Mr. Catts was thereby suspended from the service of the House for the remainder of the day's sitting.
Mr. Catts then, by direction of Mr. Speaker, withdrew.
5. **PRODUCE—COMMONWEALTH CONTROL OF INTER-STATE.**—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Atkinson:—That, in the opinion of this House, the Commonwealth should forthwith take over the inspection and effective control of produce passing from State to State—
Debate resumed.

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Mr. Sinclair 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 Thursday, 1st September next.

6. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That Order of the Day, General Business No. 2, be postponed until Thursday, 1st September next.

7. **REFERENDUM (STATE CONSTITUTIONS RECONSTRUCTION, ETC.) BILL.**—Mr. Bamford moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for taking a vote of the Electors on the question of so amending the Constitution as to provide for the reconstruction of the States, the elimination of State boundaries, and the abolition of the States Governments, and the substitution therefor of an uniform system of Government throughout the Commonwealth, and the subdivision of Australia into Provinces as may hereafter be determined: And, further, to provide that each such Province shall have a Parliament consisting of one House only, having such Legislative powers as may be conferred by the Federal Parliament.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

8. **SHALE OIL—BONUS ON PRODUCTION.**—Mr. Atkinson moved, pursuant to notice, That, in view of the valuable and extensive deposits of shale in the Commonwealth, it is desirable that a product so important to industry, and which will find employment for many Australian workers, should receive encouragement in the form of a bonus for the production of crude shale oil or other satisfactory form.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Sinclair moved, That the motion be amended as follows:—Line 2, after "extensive" insert "oil", omit "of shale". Line 4, omit "shale".

Debate continued.

Mr. Riley 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 Thursday, 1st September next.

9. **INTOXICATING LIQUORS—SALE, AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE, OF.**—Mr. Finlayson moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the sale of intoxicating liquors should be prohibited within the precincts of this House.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Chanter moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 46.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. W. H. Irvine
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Jensen
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Batchelor	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Beard	Mr. McDougall
Mr. Brown	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Cann	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Carr	Mr. Ozanne
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Page
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Poynton
Mr. G. B. Edwards	Mr. Riley
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Spence
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Frank J. Foster	Mr. Tudor
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Webster
Mr. Frazer	Mr. West
Mr. Hall	Mr. Wise
Mr. Hedges	Mr. Wynne
Mr. Higgs	
Mr. Howe	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Finlayson
Mr. Hans Irvine	Mr. Watkins

Noes, 11.

Mr. Cook	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Deakin	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Fuller	
Mr. Greene	
Mr. Groom	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. W. Elliot Johnson	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Palmer	Mr. Thomson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Finlayson moved, That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 8th September next.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Sinclair moved an amendment to omit "8th September next" and insert "25th August" in place thereof.

Debate continued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Question—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 8th September next—put and passed.

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10. MESSAGE FROM 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 :—

DUDLEY,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 14.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act to repeal the 'Naval Loan Act 1909'*", 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 behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
16th August, 1910.

11. PRESS CABLE NEWS—SUBSIDY FOR.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Batchelor :—

- (1) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable, in order to improve and increase the supply of European and other oversea cable news to the Australian press, that Government assistance should be given in the form of a subsidy.
- (2) That the subsidy should amount to £6,000, payable :
£2,500 for 1st year.
£2,000 for 2nd year.
£1,500 for 3rd year.
- (3) That any association applying for such subsidy must be prepared to supply at least 6,000 cabled words per week, to be sent *via* Pacific, and to permit any newspaper proprietary in the Commonwealth to become a subscriber for its cable service at rates which shall not exceed a scale approved by the Government.
- (4) That the Government should, in granting such subsidy, impose such conditions as may be necessary to secure that the public shall obtain the fullest possible benefit from the subsidised service—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Atkinson moved an amendment, That all the words after the word "desirable" in paragraph (1) be omitted and that the following words be inserted in place thereof, viz. :—

"a Bill be introduced containing the provisions of the resolution introduced by Mr. Batchelor for a subsidy for Press Cable News and the conditions circulated, in order that proper provision may be made in regard to Labour conditions in accordance with the policy previously adopted by the Federal Parliament in the granting of Bounties and Subsidies."

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put and passed.

Debate on original motion continued.

Mr. Palmer moved an amendment, That the following words be added to the question, viz. :—

"and steps should be taken to complete the All-Red route, and also substantially reduce the terminal charges in Australia."

Debate ensued.

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

And then the original motion was put and passed.

12. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at thirty-two minutes past ten 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. Chapman, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. W. J. Johnson, and Mr. Mahon.

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