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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 30.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH AUGUST, 1910.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. Tudor presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 Fisheries—Report by the Director on the 25th and 26th Cruises of the *Endeavour* (Queensland Waters), 6th July to 9th August, 1910.
 Ordered to lie on the Table.
 Mr. Frazer presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Defence Act—Military Forces—Financial and Allowance Regulation Amended (Provisional)—
 No. 88 (b)—Statutory Rules 1910, No. 73.
3. CUSTOMS (INTER-STATE ACCOUNTS) BILL.—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.)

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

The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.
 On the motion of Mr. Tudor, the House adopted the Report, and the third reading was made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

4. AUSTRALIAN NOTES BILL.—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 3, as amended, further considered.

Debate resumed on the further amendment moved by Mr. G. B. Edwards, viz. :—After line 13 insert—
 “‘The Currency Commission’ means a Commission constituted and incorporated for the purposes of this Act to consist of the Treasurer of the Commonwealth for the time being and two persons to be appointed by the Governor-General representative of the financial and commercial interests of the Commonwealth.”

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted, be so inserted—put.

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The Committee divided—

Ayes, 21.		Noes, 30.	
Mr. Cook	Mr. W. Elliot Johnson	Mr. Anstey	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Deakin	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Archibald	Mr. McDougall
Mr. G. B. Edwards	Sir John Quick	Mr. Bamford	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Sinclair	Mr. Batchelor	Mr. Ozanne
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Bruce Smith	Mr. Brown	Mr. Riley
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Thomson	Mr. Cann	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Wynne	Mr. Carr	Mr. Spence
Mr. Fuller		Mr. Catts	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Glynn		Mr. Charlton	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Greene	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Groom	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Finlayson	Mr. West
Mr. Harper	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Fisher	Mr. Wise
		Mr. Frazer	
		Mr. Higgs	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Jensen	Mr. Beard
		Mr. W. J. Johnson	Mr. Mathews

And so it was negatived.

Clause 3, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 4 read.

On the motion of Mr. Fisher, the following amendments were made, after debate, in the clause :—

Page 1, line 19 and line 21, Page 2, line 3, in each case after "payable" insert "to bearer".

On the motion of Mr. Sinclair, the following further amendment was made, after debate, in the clause :—

Page 2, line 3, after "penalty" omit "of" and insert "not exceeding".

Clause 4, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 5 read.

On the motion of Mr. Groom, the following amendment was made, after debate, in the clause :—

Line 6, omit "Treasurer" and insert "Governor-General".

On the motion of Mr. Fisher, the following further amendment was made, after debate, in the clause :—

Line 6, after "may" insert "authorize the Treasurer"; and at end of line add "to".

Mr. Kelly moved a further amendment, viz., at end of clause, add new paragraph, viz. :—

"(d) appoint agents to withdraw from circulation Australian notes the circulation of which is deemed by the said agents to be prejudicial to public health."

Debate ensued.

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

Clause 5, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 6 read.

On the motion of Mr. Fisher the following amendment was made in the clause :—

Omit paragraph (b).

Mr. Thomson moved the following further amendment, viz. :—

Line 20, after "Government" insert "and in the capital city of each State at such place as may be determined by the Treasurer".

Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 16.		Noes, 26.	
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Anstey	Mr. Hughes
Mr. Cook	Sir John Quick	Mr. Archibald	Mr. W. J. Johnson
Mr. Deakin	Mr. Sampson	Mr. Bamford	Mr. W. Maloney
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Sinclair	Mr. Batchelor	Mr. Ozanne
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Thomson	Mr. Brown	Mr. Riley
Mr. Glynn		Mr. Cann	Mr. Spence
Mr. Greene	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Carr	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Groom	Mr. W. Elliot Johnson	Mr. Catts	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Harper	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Charlton	Mr. West
		Mr. G. B. Edwards	Mr. Wise
		Mr. Fenton	
		Mr. Fisher	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Frazer	Mr. Hall
		Mr. Howe	Mr. Watkins

And so it was negatived.

On the motion of Mr. Fisher the following further amendment was made in the clause :—

Insert at the end of the clause the following sub-clause :—

"(3.) Australian notes shall bear thereon the signatures of such officers as the Treasurer directs. The signatures may be made in the handwriting of the officers or may be made by engraving lithography or any mechanical process approved by the Treasurer."

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Clause 7 debated and agreed to.

Clause 8 read.

Mr. G. B. Edwards moved an amendment—That paragraph (c) be omitted.

Debate ensued.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after midnight—

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Question—That paragraph (c) proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.
The Committee divided—

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Ozanne
Mr. Batchelor	Mr. Riley
Mr. Beard	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Brown	Mr. Spence
Mr. Cann	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Carr	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Fenton	Mr. West
Mr. Finlayson	
Mr. Fisher	
Mr. Frazer	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Howe	Mr. Catts
Mr. W. J. Johnson	Mr. Hall

Noes, 16.

Mr. Atkinson	Sir John Quick
Mr. Cook	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. G. B. Edwards	Mr. Bruce Smith
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Thomson
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Wise
Mr. Glynn	
Mr. Greene	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Groom	Mr. W. Elliot Johnson
Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Kelly

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Kelly moved an amendment, viz. :—

After line 38 insert the following proviso :—

“ Provided that the proceeds derived from the sale or disposition of such securities—

(a) be applied to the redemption of Australian Notes ; or

(b) be placed in a Trust Fund created for the purpose of redeeming Australian Notes as occasion requires.”

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

On the motion of Mr. G. B. Edwards, the following amendment was made, after debate, in the clause :—

Lines 43 and 44, omit “ be paid to and form part of the Consolidated Revenue Fund ” and insert “ after the expenses of the administration of this Act have been met, be applied in the same way as moneys derived from the issue of Australian Notes.”

Clause 8, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 9 read.

On the motion of Mr. Fisher, the following amendment was made in the clause :—

Line 3, omit “ equal to ” and insert “ not less than ”.

Mr. W. Elliot Johnson moved a further amendment, viz. :—To omit the word “ fourth ” in line 3, and insert in place thereof the word “ half ”.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Ozanne
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Riley
Mr. Batchelor	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Beard	Mr. Spence
Mr. Brown	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Cann	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Carr	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Charlton	Mr. West
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Wise
Mr. Finlayson	
Mr. Fisher	
Mr. Frazer	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Howe	Mr. Catts
Mr. W. J. Johnson	Mr. Hall

Noes, 6.

Mr. Cook	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Greene	
Mr. Groom	Mr. W. Elliot Johnson
Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Sampson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. W. Elliot Johnson moved a further amendment, viz., after (b)—Insert new paragraph—

“(bb) The gold coin in reserve shall be held in each of the several States in amounts in proportion to the numbers of the people.”

Debate ensued.

Question—That the paragraph proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

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The Committee divided—

Ayes, 11.		Noes, 27.	
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Bruce Smith	Mr. Anstey	Mr. Howe
Mr. Cook	Mr. Thomson	Mr. Archibald	Mr. W. J. Johnson
Mr. R. W. Foster		Mr. Bamford	Mr. Ozanne
Mr. Groom		Mr. Batchelor	Mr. Riley
Mr. McWilliams	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Beard	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Sampson	Mr. Greene	Mr. Brown	Mr. Spence
Mr. Sinclair	Mr. W. Elliot Johnson	Mr. Cann	Mr. Thomas
		Mr. Carr	Mr. Tudor
		Mr. Catts	Mr. West
		Mr. Charlton	Mr. Wise
		Mr. Fenton	
		Mr. Finlayson	
		Mr. Fisher	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Frazer	Mr. W. Maloney
		Mr. Hall	Mr. Watkins

And so it was negatived.

Clause 9, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 10 agreed to.

Clause 11, on motion of Mr. Fisher, omitted.

Clauses 12 to 17 agreed to.

Clause 18 read.

On the motion of Mr Fisher the following amendment was made in the clause :—

Line 10, after " Bills," insert " under the provisions of this Act."

Clauses 19 to 33 agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. Fisher, the following new clause was agreed to :—

32A. Every officer charged with the receipt or disbursement of public moneys, and every officer of any bank, shall stamp or write in plain letters the word "counterfeit," "altered," or "worthless" upon every counterfeit or fraudulent note issued in the form of an Australian note which is presented to him at his place of business, and if he wrongfully writes or stamps those words on any genuine Australian note he shall upon presentation redeem it at the face value thereof.

Counterfeit notes to be marked.
Cf. Canada R.S. ch. 29, s. 75.

Mr. Greene moved the following new clause :—

"The Treasurer may, subject to Regulations, issue to any incorporated bank, approved by the Governor-General, Australian notes to an amount prescribed, to be held in reserve, on payment of a charge of Five shillings per centum per annum. Provided that on the issue of such notes by any bank, payment in full shall be made forthwith to the Treasurer".

Debate ensued.

Question—That the new clause be added to the Bill—put and negatived.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the consideration of the Report be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (1910).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 10.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to amend the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904-1909", and acquaints the House of Representatives that the Senate does not insist upon its amendment No. 2, disagreed to by the House of Representatives.

H. TURLEY,
President.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 24th August, 1910.

6. PAPERS.—Mr. Frazer presented, pursuant to Statute—

Defence Act—Military Forces—Regulations Amended (Provisional)—

Nos. 143, 151, 170, 188, 196, 302, 469—Statutory Rules 1910, No. 74.

No. 199—Statutory Rules 1910, No. 76.

No. 141—Statutory Rules 1910, No. 77.

Public Service Act—Defence Department—Recommendation, &c., in case of promotion of H. S. Norris as Clerk, 3rd Class, Accounts Branch, Sydney.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at thirty-two minutes past two o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Chapman, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Frank J. Foster, Mr. O'Malley, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Salmon, and Mr. Webster.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.