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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 47.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 22ND SEPTEMBER, 1910.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. CORIO ELECTORAL DIVISION—ORDER OF THE COURT OF DISPUTED RETURNS.—The Clerk laid upon the Table a copy of an Order of the High Court of Australia, which he had received from the Deputy Registrar of the High Court at Melbourne, dismissing the Petition of Richard Armstrong Crouch, against the return of Alfred Thomas Ozanne for the Electoral Division of Corio.
3. MURRAY RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES—FEDERAL CONTROL OF.—Mr. Sampson moved, pursuant to notice, That, for the purpose of enabling the Parliament of the Commonwealth to effectively legislate in respect to water conservation and irrigation, the Constitution should be amended to place under Federal control the Murray River and its tributaries.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Kelly 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 Thursday, 27th October next.
4. "EIGHT HOURS" PRINCIPLE IN PARLIAMENT.—Mr. W. Elliot Johnson moved, pursuant to notice, That, in conformity with the Union principle of eight hours' work per day professed by the majority of Members, this House is of opinion that no sitting should be extended beyond the period of eight hours from its commencement. And that the carrying of this Resolution be an instruction to the Government to enforce its observance throughout the session. And this House is further of opinion that the principle of eight hours' work should apply to all officers employed in connexion with the work of the House in whatever capacity engaged.
Mr. O'Malley 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 next.
5. SOUTH SEA ISLANDS—BRITISH GROWN PRODUCTS: BRITISH COMMISSIONER.—Mr. W. Elliot Johnson moved, pursuant to notice—
 - (1) That, in the opinion of this House, with a view to promote and encourage settlement in the South Sea Islands by people of our own race and colour, it is desirable to allow a rebate of duties or its equivalent on all island-grown products, grown by British subjects, coming into the Commonwealth.
 - (2) That representations should be made to the British Government with a view to obtaining their sanction to administration by a British Commissioner resident within the Commonwealth, of all British-owned and controlled territory in the Southern Pacific.
 Mr. W. Elliot Johnson 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 Thursday, 13th October next.

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6. PENSIONS IN THE DEFENCE AND CIVIL SERVICES.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. W. Elliot Johnson :—That this House is of opinion that a pension system should be forthwith initiated in the Defence and Civil Services of the Commonwealth—

Debate resumed.

Mr. West 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 Thursday, 6th October next.

7. INTOXICATING LIQUORS—SALE, AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE, OF.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Finlayson :—That, in the opinion of this House, the sale of intoxicating liquors should be prohibited within the precincts of this House—

Mr. Chanter addressed the House, and had not concluded his speech when the time for precedence to General Business expired and Government Business was called on.

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.

Mr. Kelly moved an amendment, That all the words after the word “That,” be omitted, and that the following words be inserted in place thereof, viz. :—“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, 33.

Noes, 18.

Mr. Archibald	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Ozanne
Mr. Batchelor	Mr. Page
Mr. Beard	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Brown	Mr. Riley
Mr. Cann	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Carr	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Spence
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Fisher	Mr. West
Mr. Frazer	Mr. Wise
Mr. Higgs	
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. W. Maloney	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Frank J. Foster
Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Watkins

Sir Robert Best	Mr. Groom
Mr. Cook	Mr. Hedges
Mr. G. B. Edwards	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. R. Edwards	Sir John Quick
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Sampson
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Thomson
Mr. Fowler	
Mr. Fuller	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Glynn	Mr. W. Elliot Johnson
Mr. Greene	Mr. Kelly

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

9. APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1910-11—SENATE'S MESSAGE No. 19.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Senate's Message No. 19—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 Amendment insisted on by the Senate, which is as follows :—

Page 5, Division No. 3, Subdivision No. 6, leave out the words “at Triffitt's Point”.

Mr. Fisher moved, That the Committee insist on disagreeing to the Amendment insisted on by the Senate, but as a consequential Amendment omit the whole item amended, and make the necessary alterations in the totals in the Bill.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Fisher, the House adopted the Report.

10. LAND TAX ASSESSMENT 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 1 again read and agreed to.

Clause 2 agreed to.

Clause 3 read.

Mr. Glynn moved the following amendment—

Line 18, after "Australia" insert "for at least half the period of twelve months immediately preceding".

Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 21.		Noes, 28.
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Palmer	Mr. Anstey
Mr. Cook	Sir John Quick	Mr. Archibald
Mr. Deakin	Mr. Sampson	Mr. Batchelor
Mr. G. B. Edwards	Mr. Bruce Smith	Mr. Beard
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Thomson	Mr. Brown
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Wise	Mr. Cann
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Wynne	Mr. Carr
Mr. Fuller		Mr. Charlton
Mr. Glynn		Mr. Finlayson
Mr. Groom	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Fisher
Mr. Harper	Mr. Greene	Mr. Frazer
Mr. W. Elliot Johnson	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Hughes
		Mr. Mahon
		Mr. W. Maloney
		Mr. McDougall
		Mr. Parker Moloney
		Mr. O'Malley
		Mr. Ozanne
		Mr. Riley
		Mr. Roberts
		Mr. Laird Smith
		Mr. Spence
		Mr. Thomas
		Mr. Tudor
		Mr. Watkins
		Mr. West
		<div style="text-align: center;"><i>Tellers.</i></div> Mr. Frank J. Foster
		Mr. Scullin

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Hughes moved the following amendment—

Line 21, after "Australia" insert "and the Territories under the authority of the Commonwealth".

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

On the motion of Mr. Hughes the following amendment was made, after debate—

Page 2, lines 1 to 3, omit paragraphs (b) and (c).

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

The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 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. Catts, Mr. Chapman, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Howe, Mr. Jensen, Mr. W. J. Johnson, Mr. Salmon, Mr. Sinclair, and Mr. Webster.

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