

1910.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH

No. 57.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 11TH OCTOBER, 1910.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. POST OFFICES, ILLAWARRA—OFFICERS EMPLOYED, HOURS WORKED, &c.—Mr. Thomson moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. W. Elliot Johnson, That a Return be laid upon the Table showing—
 - (1) The number of letter-carriers and messengers respectively employed in each of the Post Offices in the Illawarra suburbs inclusively from St. Peters to Hurstville, New South Wales.
 - (2) The hours worked by such officers, and the nature of the duties performed by each.
 - (3) Whether letter-carriers in any of the Illawarra suburban offices have to perform night work in addition to their ordinary duties performed in the day-time. If so, number of extra hours they work, and the nature of their night duties.
 - (4) In connexion with night work (if such is now performed by officers engaged during the day), whether the appointment of an additional messenger would obviate the necessity for extra night duty on the part of officers employed on day duties.
 - (5) If so, whether an additional messenger will be appointed to offices where such conditions exist.

Question—put and passed.
3. POST AND TELEGRAPH BILL (1910).—Mr. Thomas moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Post and Telegraph Act 1901*.
Question—put and passed.
4. SUGAR BOUNTY BILL (1910) (No. 2).—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.
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.
 Clause 3 read.

Mr. Sinclair moved the following amendment:—

Line 11, after "following" insert "words and".

Debate ensued.
 Amendment negatived.
 Clause agreed to.
 Clause 4 read.

On the motion of Sir John Quick the following amendment was made:—

Page 1, line 17, after "sugar" insert "cane or beet".

On the motion of Mr. Tudor the following amendments were made, after debate:—

Page 1, line 19, after "Minister" insert "the conditions of employment and".

Page 2, line 1, after "wages" insert "and conditions of employment".

" line 3, after "rates" insert "and conditions of employment".

" line 6, after "payable" insert "and conditions of employment obtainable".

" line 8, after "rates" insert "and conditions of employment".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

11th October, 1910.

Mr. Bamford moved that the following new clause be added to the Bill :—

Section 2 of the *Sugar Bounty Act 1905* is amended by inserting after the word "employed",
 "Provided that all preliminary work in connexion therewith, such as clearing, grubbing,
 and the preparation of cane for planting shall have been performed by white labour only,
 during a period of twenty-four months prior to the delivery of cane for manufacture."

Debate ensued.

Proposed new clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Tudor, by leave, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

5. EXCISE (SUGAR) BILL (1910) (No. 2).—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.

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 read.

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

Line 5, after "amended" insert—

"(a) by omitting therefrom the words 'until the first day of January One thousand nine hundred and thirteen'; and (b)".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Tudor, by leave, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—TRUST FUND ADVANCES BILL (No. 2).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 26.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to authorize a Temporary Advance from the Trust Fund to the Consolidated Revenue Fund*", to which it has agreed with the amendment indicated in the annexed Schedule, in which amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

H. TURLEY,
 President.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 11th October, 1910.

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

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE.

Clause 3, at end of clause add the following new sub-clause :—

"(2.) The interest payable in pursuance of this section shall be paid to and form part of the Australian Notes Account."

On the motion of Mr. Frazer the House agreed to the amendment.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the remaining Orders of the Day be postponed until to-morrow.

8. BANKING COMPANIES RESERVE LIABILITIES BILL.—Mr. Fuller moved, pursuant to notice, That the resumption of the debate on the second reading of the Banking Companies Reserve Liabilities Bill be made an Order of the Day for Thursday next.

Question—put and passed.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Batchelor moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eighteen 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. Brown, Mr. Cann, Mr. Carr, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Cook, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Frank J. Foster, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Greene, Mr. Groom, Mr. Hall, Mr. Howe, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jensen, Mr. W. Elliot Johnson, Mr. W. J. Johnson, Mr. Kelly, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Mahon, Mr. McDougall, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Riley, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Salmon, Mr. Spence, Mr. Webster, and Mr. West.

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