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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 78.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER, 1910.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—EMIGRATION BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 38.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to the Emigration from Australia of Young Persons and Aboriginal Natives*", 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, 15th November, 1910.

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

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE.

Page 1, clause 2, line 8, after "years" insert "in the case of a female child, and sixteen years in the case of a male child".

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

3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—POST AND TELEGRAPH BILL (1910).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 39.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the Post and Telegraph Act 1901*", to which it has agreed without amendment.

H. TURLEY,  
President.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 15th November, 1910.

4. PAPER.—Mr. O'Malley presented, pursuant to Statute—

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at Kerang, Victoria—For Rifle Range purposes.

5. DEFENCE BILL (1910).—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.

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*(In the Committee.)*

Clause 11 further considered.

Debate resumed on the following amendment moved by Mr. Cook:—At end of clause add—“and to junior cadets uniforms shall be supplied as prescribed”.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 19.		Noes, 25.	
Mr. Cook	Mr. Palmer	Mr. Anstey	Mr. Riley
Mr. Deakin	Sir John Quick	Mr. Archibald	Mr. Roberts
Mr. G. B. Edwards	Mr. Sampson	Mr. Batchelor	Mr. Scullin
Mr. R. Edwards	Mr. Bruce Smith	Mr. Cann	Mr. Laird Smith
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Thomson	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Spence
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Wynne	Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Glynn		Mr. Frank J. Foster	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Groom		Mr. Frazer	Mr. Webster
Mr. Hedges	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Howe	Mr. West
Mr. Livingston	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Hughes	
Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Greene	Mr. W. Maloney	
		Mr. Parker Moloney	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. O'Malley	Mr. Fenton
		Mr. Ozanne	Mr. Watkins

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 12 agreed to.

Clause 13 read.

Mr. Palmer moved the following amendment:—

Insert the following paragraph before paragraph (a)—

“(aa) by omitting the words ‘six months’ and inserting in their stead the words ‘two years’”.

Debate ensued.

And the proposed new paragraph having been amended, by leave, to read as follows:—

“(aa) by omitting the words ‘six months’ and inserting in their stead the words ‘one year’”.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 19.		Noes, 27.	
Mr. Cook	Sir John Quick	Mr. Anstey	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Deakin	Mr. Riley	Mr. Archibald	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. G. B. Edwards	Mr. Sampson	Mr. Bamford	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. R. Edwards	Mr. Bruce Smith	Mr. Batchelor	Mr. Ozanne
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Thomson	Mr. Cann	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Wise	Mr. Catts	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Glynn		Mr. Charlton	Mr. Spence
Mr. Hedges		Mr. Fenton	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Kelly	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Webster
Mr. Livingston	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Frank J. Foster	Mr. West
Mr. Palmer	Mr. Greene	Mr. Frazer	
		Mr. Higgs	
		Mr. Howe	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Hughes	Mr. Scullin
		Mr. Jensen	Mr. Watkins

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 14 debated and agreed to.

Clause 15 read.

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

Line 23, omit “and” at the end of paragraph (b).

Line 26, insert “and” at the end of paragraph (c).

After paragraph (c) insert the following paragraph:—

“(d) by adding to the section the following proviso—‘Provided also that in the Senior Cadets the number and duration of half-day and night drills may be varied by the substitution of other drills as prescribed of a total duration of not less than seventy-two hours.’”

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

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Clause 16 read.

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

At the end of the clause insert—“and the following section substituted in their stead :—  
 ‘128. Persons who are pupils or students at educational establishments, <sup>Special provision in the case of pupils at educational establishments.</sup>  
 as prescribed by the Regulations, and who are liable to be trained in the Citizen Forces under section one hundred and twenty-seven of this Act, may be trained as prescribed in the Senior Cadets or in special training units, so long as they remain pupils or students in such educational establishments :

Provided that the training in those units shall be of the same character and of the same annual duration as in the Citizen Forces, and shall be in lieu of the training prescribed by paragraph (c) of section one hundred and twenty-seven.’”

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 17 agreed to.

Clause 18 read.

Mr. Higgs moved the following amendment :—

At end of clause add the following new paragraph :—

“(c) The Governor-General may exempt boys up to eighteen years of age whose parents have conscientious objections to their sons being trained in the use of arms.”

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 19 read.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Higgs moved an amendment, That the following words be added to the clause :—

“Students of any age not exceeding thirty years may on passing the prescribed competitive examination obtain admission to the Military College”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Mr. Roberts moved an amendment, That the following words be added to the clause :—

“Provided further that persons who have served three years in the Forces may, at any time before they attain the age of twenty-seven years, and after passing the prescribed examination for entry, enter the Military College for the purpose of becoming graduates thereof.”

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 36.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Archibald	Mr. McDougall
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Ozanne
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Cann	Sir John Quick
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Riley
Mr. Deakin	Mr. Salmon
Mr. G. B. Edwards	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Spence
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Thomson
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Webster
Mr. Fuller	Mr. West
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Wise
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Higgs	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Howe	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Livingston	Mr. Roberts

Noes, 12.

Mr. Batchelor	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Brown	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. R. Edwards	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Frank J. Foster	
Mr. Greene	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Kelly
Mr. Mahon	Mr. Watkins

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the intervening Orders of the Day be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 9.

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7. WAYS AND MEANS—TARIFF ANOMALIES.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Tudor moved—That Schedule A to the *Customs Tariff* 1908 be amended as hereunder set out, and that on and after the seventeenth day of November One thousand nine hundred and ten Duties of Customs be collected in pursuance of the Customs Tariff as so amended.

AMENDMENTS OF CUSTOMS TARIFF 1908.  
IMPORT DUTIES.

Tariff Items.	General Tariff.	Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of the United Kingdom.
<p>4. By omitting the whole of the item, and inserting in its stead the following item:— “4. Amylic Alcohol and Fusel Oil:— (A) Denaturated in accordance with Departmental By-laws .. .. . (B) Not denaturated in accordance with Departmental By-laws .. .. . per gallon</p>	<p>Free 14s.”</p>	
<p>71. By inserting in the item, after the word “Linseed”, the letters “n.e.i.”</p>		
<p>72. By inserting in the item, after the word “Cake”, the words “and Linseed for cultivation”.</p>		
<p>106. (A) By omitting from the item the words “including articles cut into shape”, and inserting in their stead the words “including materials made or cut to length or made or cut into shape therefor”.</p>		
<p>107. By inserting in the item, after the word “materials”, the words “made or cut to length or made or”.</p>		
<p>115. By inserting in the item, after the word “pads” but before the parenthesis mark following that word, the words “but not including Carpet Felt Paper”.</p>		
<p>121. By inserting in sub-item (D), after the words “Pull-over Hoods”, the words “weighing not more than 1½ ounces each”.</p>		
<p>123. By omitting from sub-item (D), the words “Ribbons, Galoons not being bindings”, and the words “Boxed Robes when not shaped or sewn”. By inserting in sub-item (D), after the words “Lace for Attire”, the words “exceeding eighteen inches in width”. By inserting in sub-item (D), after the words “Lace Flouncings”, the words “Exceeding eighteen inches in width”. By inserting in sub-item (D), after the words “Millinery and Dress Nets”, the words “exceeding eighteen inches in width”. By inserting in sub-item (D), after the words “Embroideries in the piece”, the words “exceeding eighteen inches in width”.</p>		
<p>126. By inserting in the item, before the word “Kersey”, the word “Saddlers”.</p>		
<p>134. By inserting in sub-item (A), after the word “Ruchings”, the words “; Galoons; Ribbons; Lace for Attire Millinery and Dress Nets Embroideries and Lace Flouncings measuring not more than eighteen inches in width; Braid n.e.i.; Gimp n.e.i. for Attire; Tinselled Belting n.e.i.; Belting for apparel not elsewhere specified and not being cut to length for belts.” By omitting from sub-item (B) the words “Braids n.e.i.”, and inserting in their stead the words “Braids plain and flat and of one colour and composed wholly of textile”. By omitting from sub-item (B) the words “Gimp n.e.i.”, and inserting in their stead the words “Gimp not for apparel and not being partly or wholly of gold or silver”. By inserting in sub-item (B), after the words “Tinsel Belting”, the words “having warp or weft composed wholly of tinsel or of continuous threads of tinsel and an alternate thread of textile”.</p>		

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## IMPORT DUTIES—continued.

Tariff Items.	General Tariff.	Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of the United Kingdom.
137. By inserting in sub-item (A), after the word "Fringes", the words "including Scalps or Patches".		
139. By inserting in sub-item (E), after the word "Loading", the words "and cleaning".		
141. By omitting the whole of the item and inserting in its stead the following item:—		
"141. (A) Lamps and Lanterns n.e.i. and parts n.e.i. thereof except wicks; Coach and Carriage Lamp Irons; Metal Reflectors and Shades; Lampware n.e.i. but not the columns of street lamps . . . . . ad val.	25 per cent.	15 per cent.
"(B) Glass parts of Lamps and Lanterns when imported separately, and Glass parts in excess of one to each Lamp or Lantern when imported with the Lamps or Lanterns with which they are designed to be used . . . . . ad val.	25 per cent.	20 per cent.
"(C) Lamp and Gas Stoves for heating and cooking . . . . . ad val.	20 per cent.	
"(D) Incandescent Mantles . . . . . ad val.	25 per cent.	15 per cent."
156. By inserting in sub-item (B), after the words "Picture Nails;" the word "Spikes;"		
By inserting in sub-item (B), after the words "Nails n.e.i.", the words "; Spouting Screws".		
By omitting from sub-item (C) the words "; and Spikes".		
162. By inserting in sub-item (A), after the word "use", the words "; Roller Bearings and Ball Bearings".		
165. By omitting from sub-item (A) the words "manufacture and treatment", and inserting in their stead the words "manufacture or treatment."		
By inserting in sub-item (B), after the word "Shoaring", the words "Cropping and Notching"		
By omitting from sub-item (B) the words ", sizes up to ¾ in.", the words ", sizes above ¾ in. and up to 2 in.", and the words "in sizes to bend up to ¾ in. plate".		
169. By omitting the whole of the item, and inserting in its stead the following item:—		
"169. Mixed Metalware and Platedware for household use not elsewhere specified . . . . . ad val.	25 per cent.	20 per cent."
170. By inserting in sub-item (B), after the word "containing", the words "not less than 2 per cent. of"		
By inserting in the item a new sub-item as follows:—		
"(E) Malleable iron castings . . . . . per lb.	1¼d."	
175. By inserting in sub-item (B), after the word "wood" the words "not elsewhere specified".		
178. By inserting in sub-item (D), after the letters "N.E.I.", the words "not included under item 172".		
187. By omitting from the item the words "for advertising purposes".		
190. By omitting from the item the comma after the words "Linotype Metal" and inserting in its stead a semicolon.		
191. By omitting from the item the words "Magnolia Metal".		
195. By inserting in the item, after the word "Scrap," the words "Angle, Tee,".		
198. By inserting in the item, after the word "Scrap," the words "Angle, Tee,".		
200. By inserting in the item a new sub-item as follows:—		
"(B) Rolled Iron and Steel as proscribed by Departmental by-laws for use in the manufacture of Droppers . . . . .	Free."	
206. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item:—		
"206. Pins (not being partly or wholly of gold or silver or gold or silver plated), viz.:— Gimp, short toilet, plain safety, hair; also Hooks and Eyes and Crochet Hooks— (A) When in fancy boxes . . . . . ad val. (B) When not in fancy boxes . . . . . ad val.	30 per cent. 5 per cent.	25 per cent. Free."

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IMPORT DUTIES—*continued.*

Tariff Items.	General Tariff.	Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of the United Kingdom.
217. By omitting from the item the words "5 per cent.", and inserting in their stead the words "17½ per cent." By omitting from the item the word "Free", and inserting in its stead the words "12½ per cent." By inserting in the item a new sub-item as follows:— "(B) Rolled iron and steel as prescribed by Departmental By-laws for use in the manufacture of standards and pillars.. .."	Free "	
222. By omitting from the item, wherever they occur, the words "for trucks and waggons", and inserting in their stead the words "for use on railways and tramways".		
229. By inserting in sub-item (c), after the word "Hoop"; the words "; Iron bars of fancy pattern in the state in which they leave the rollers".		
230. By inserting in the item, after the word "Dressings", the words "Inks, Stains,".		
236. By inserting in sub-item (A), after the word "liquid", the words "in packages containing over 14 lb." By inserting in sub-item (B), after the word "use", the words "ground in liquid in packages containing 14 lb. and under".		
253. By omitting from sub-item (A) the words "Fruit-jar Caps" and inserting in their stead the words "Glass Caps for Fruit-jars".		
261. By omitting from the item the whole of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item:— "(A) Glue .. .. . per lb.	2d.	1½d."
279. By omitting from the item the words "Saponaceous Mixture of Creosote;"		
286. By omitting from the item the words "Hyposulphites containing zinc", and inserting in their stead the words "Hydrosulphites containing zinc".		
295. By inserting in sub-item (A), after the words "Petroleum Jelly", the words "in packages containing less than 3 cwt."		
338. By omitting from the item the words ", and Doublets". By omitting the comma after the word "Pearls" and inserting in its stead the word "and".		
344. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item:— "344. Spectacles, Spectacle Frames (not being gold), Spectacle Glasses and Lenses, and Magnifying and Reading Glasses mounted except when the mountings are partly or wholly of gold or silver .. .."	Free "	
347. By omitting from the item the words "Royal Cord in the piece; Prunella, Lasting and Felt Stuff for" and inserting in their stead the words "Piece goods suitable for".		
353. By inserting in sub-item (A), after the word "Rubber", the word "Canvas,".		
356. By inserting an asterisk in the item after the word "Paper" at the commencement of the item, and by inserting at the end of the item a foot note as follows:— "* 'Board' when applied to Paper means a Paper which at the size of 20 by 25 inches or its equivalent weighs 80 lb. or over per ream of 480 sheets". By omitting the whole of sub-items (E) and (F), and inserting in their stead the following sub-item:— "(E) Printing (glazed, unglazed, mill-glazed, or coated) in rolls or sheets not less than 20 by 25 inches or its equivalent and not ruled or printed in any way .. .." By omitting the whole of sub-items (G) and (H).	Free "	

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## IMPORT DUTIES—continued.

Tariff Items.	General Tariff.	Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of the United Kingdom.
By omitting the whole of sub-item (i), and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(i) Wrapping of all colours (glazed, unglazed, or mill-glazed), brown, cap, casing, sealing, nature or ochre brown, sulphite, sugar, and all other bag papers, candle carton paper and boards of all colours, strawboard lined or unlined weighing less than six ounces to the unlined sheet of strawboard of 25 by 30 inches or its equivalent . . . . . per cwt.	5s.	4s. 6d.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (j), and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(j) Cartridge paper of all colours (glazed, mill-glazed, rough or smooth) and Blotting paper ; irrespective of weight . . . . . per cwt.	5s.	4s. 6d.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (k), and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(k) Strawboard lined or unlined weighing not less than six ounces to the unlined sheet of a size 25 by 30 inches or its equivalent . . . . . per cwt.	1s. 6d.”	
By omitting the whole of sub-item (l) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(l) Bags n.e.i. . . . . per cwt.	0s.	8s. 6d.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (m) and the foot-note to that sub-item, and inserting in the stead of the sub-item the following sub-item :— “(m) N.E.I., Boards n.e.i. lined or unlined, Cover Paper, Pressings, Carpet Felt Paper, Paper-hangings or Wall Paper . . . . . ad val.	20 per cent.	15 per cent.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (n) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(n) Millboard . . . . . ad val.	5 per cent.	Free ”
By omitting from sub-item (o) the word “Pulpboard”, and inserting in its stead the word “Boards”.		
By omitting the whole of sub-item (AA) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(AA) True Vegetable Parchment— (1) In sheets not less than 12 x 48 inches or its equivalent . . . . . (2) In smaller sizes of any shape . . . . . ad val.	Free 15 per cent.	10 per cent.”
By inserting in sub-item (EE), after the word “Paper”, the words “and Boards”.		
357. By inserting in sub-item (A), after the words “Letter Clips ;”, the words “Papers ruled or bordered by water-line or otherwise ; Writing Paper in sizes less than 16 x 13 inches ;”.		
By omitting from sub-item (A) the words “Cardboard Boxes, cut and shaped, or finished ;”		
By inserting in sub-item (B), after the letters “n.e.i.”, the words “and Paper (other than true vegetable parchment) and Board in the form of discs ovals small squares and other small shapes for all purposes”.		
By adding to the item a new sub-item as follows :— “(D) Paper Board Boxes not printed, partly or wholly finished . . . . . ad val.	40 per cent.	35 per cent.”
364. By omitting the whole of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(A) Pens n.e.i., without holders or not including holders :— (1) When in fancy boxes . . . . . ad val. (2) When not in fancy boxes . . . . . ad val.	30 per cent. 5 per cent.	25 per cent. Free ”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(B) Ink Stands, Fountain Pens, Pencils n.e.i., and Rulers :— (1) When in fancy boxes . . . . . ad val. (2) When not in fancy boxes . . . . . ad val.	30 per cent. 5 per cent.	25 per cent. Free ”
370. By omitting the whole of sub-item (A).		
373. By inserting in the item, after the word “Tricycles”, the words “and Quadricycles”.		

IMPORT DUTIES—*continued.*

Tariff Items.	General Tariff.	Tariff on Goods of the Produce or Manufacture of the United Kingdom.
395. By inserting in sub-item (A), after the word "halls", the words "; Bristles partly or wholly dressed (except those known as China, Indian, and White French) and all mixtures for use in the manufacture of brush heads or knots." By omitting from sub-item (B) the word "White" before the word "Metal".		
398. By inserting in the item, after the word "including", the word "sliver".		
425. By omitting the whole of the item.		
443. By omitting the whole of the item and inserting in its stead the following item:— "443. Theatrical Costumes and Properties as prescribed by Departmental By-laws ..	Free."	

Debate ensued.

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.

8. NAVAL DEFENCE BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Hughes 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.)

Clauses 1 to 10 agreed to.

Clause 11 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 12 to 17 agreed to.

Clause 18 debated and agreed to.

Clause 19 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 20 to 33 agreed to.

Clause 34 debated.

Question—That the clause stand part of the Bill—put and negatived.

Clauses 35 to 40 agreed to.

Clause 41 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 42 to 44 agreed to.

Clause 45 debated and agreed to.

Clause 46 agreed to.

Schedules agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

Mr. Hughes moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Mr. Hughes the House adopted the Report and the Bill was read a third time.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (LEGISLATIVE POWERS) BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 40.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to alter Section Fifty-one of the Constitution," to which it has agreed without amendment.

H. TURLEY,  
President.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 16th November, 1910.



16th November, 1910.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (MONOPOLIES) BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 41.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to alter the Constitution by empowering the Parliament to make Laws with respect to Industries and Businesses declared to be the subject of a Monopoly,*" to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 16th November, 1910.

H. TURLEY,  
President.

11. NORTHERN TERRITORY (ADMINISTRATION) BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Batchelor 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.

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(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 5 agreed to.

Clause 6 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 7 and 8 agreed to.

Clause 9 debated and agreed to.

Clause 10 agreed to.

Clause 11 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 12 and 13 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

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The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

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

Mr. Hughes moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the remaining stage to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Mr. Batchelor the Bill was read a third time.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fourteen minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Beard, Mr. Carr, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Fisher, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Hall, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hans Irvine, Mr. W. Elliot Johnson, Mr. W. J. Johnson, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Page, and Mr. Sinclair.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.