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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 82.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD 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. PAPER.—Mr. Frazer presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Defence Department—Memorandum by the Minister of State for Defence on the Estimates of the Defence Department for the financial year 1910-11.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
3. SUPPLY [BUDGET DEBATE AND ESTIMATES, 1910-11].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee,)

Consideration resumed of the motion of Mr. Fisher (*see* p. 109, *ante*), That the first item in the Estimates, under Division I.—The Parliament—namely—

The President £1,100

be agreed to.

General debate continued.

Item agreed to.

Remainder of Division 1 agreed to.

Divisions 2 to 13 agreed to.

Divisions 14 and 15 debated and agreed to.

Division 16 read and debated.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after midnight—

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Debate continued and Division agreed to.

Divisions 17 to 23 agreed to.

Division 24 debated and agreed to.

Division 25 agreed to.

Divisions 26 and 27 debated and agreed to.

Division 28 read.

Mr. Higgs moved an amendment, That the vote "Governor-General's Establishment" be reduced by £1.

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Division agreed to.

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Divisions 29 to 39 agreed to.

Division No. 40 read.

Mr. Frazer moved an amendment, That the vote "Advance to the Treasurer" be reduced by £350,000.

Question—put and passed.

Division, as amended, agreed to.

Division 41 read.

Subdivisions 1 and 2 agreed to.

Subdivision 3 read.

Mr. Webster moved, That the Chairman report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Question—put and negatived.

Debate ensued.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1911-12.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

DUDLEY,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 41.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twelve.

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Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of Supply be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

5. CORONATION OATH—ADDRESS TO THE KING *RE* AMENDING.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received the following communication from His Excellency the Governor-General, forwarding a despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies:—

Commonwealth of Australia.

Governor-General's Office,

Melbourne, 23rd November, 1910.

MEMORANDUM.

The Governor-General transmits herewith to the Honorable the Speaker of the House of Representatives, a copy of a despatch which has been received from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, on the subject of an Address from the House of Representatives to His Majesty the King, relative to the Accession Declaration.

The Governor-General would be glad if the Speaker would be good enough to convey the contents of the despatch to the Members of the House of Representatives in the terms of the request contained in the second paragraph of the despatch.

DUDLEY,

Governor-General.

The Honorable The Speaker,
The House of Representatives.

Commonwealth of Australia.

No. 355.

Downing-street,

20th September, 1910.

MY LORD,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's despatch No. 172 of the 28th July, transmitting an Address from the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia to His Majesty the King, on the subject of the Accession Declaration.

2. In reply, I have to request that you will inform the House of Representatives that their Address was duly laid before His Majesty, who was pleased to receive it very graciously, and to command that his thanks should be returned to them for their message of unswerving loyalty and devotion to His Majesty's Person and Government, and that they should be informed that, as you will have learnt from my despatch No. 325 of the 1st of September, their wishes have already been met by the passing of an Act by the Imperial Parliament, by which the expressions in the Royal Declaration to which exception is taken have been removed.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient, humble servant,
CREWE.

Governor-General

His Excellency The Right Honorable

The Earl of Dudley, G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., &c., &c., &c.

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6. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND BUILDINGS, 1910-11.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :—

DUDLEY,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 42.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and eleven, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Melbourne,

23rd November, 1910.

DUDLEY,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 43.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works, and Buildings for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and eleven, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Melbourne,

23rd November, 1910.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, to be printed and referred to the Committee of Supply.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—DEFENCE BILL (1910).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 47.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Defence Act 1903-1909'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the amendments made by the House of Representatives therein, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, to amendment No. 7 with the amendment indicated in the annexed Schedule, and has disagreed to amendment No. 8 for the reason set forth in the annexed Schedule.

The Senate desires the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment to amendment No. 7, and its reconsideration of the Bill in respect to the amendment disagreed to.

H. TURLEY,
President.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 23rd November, 1910.

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

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO WHICH THE SENATE HAS AGREED WITH AN AMENDMENT.

No. 7.—Page 5, clause 19, line 21, after this line add—

" 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."

Amendment agreed to, with the following amendment, viz. :—

Leave out all the words after " that " and insert " the Regulations shall provide for admission to the Military College of any member of the Forces over the age of nineteen years who passes the prescribed examination and is recommended by the Governor-General in Council.", in lieu thereof.

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO WHICH THE SENATE HAS DISAGREED.

No. 8.—Page 5, after clause 20, add the following new clauses :—

" 21. When any member of the Military Forces—

(a) is killed on active service or on duty, or

(b) dies, or becomes incapacitated from earning his living from wounds or disease contracted on active service,

Provision in case of death or incapacity on active service or on duty.

provision shall be made for his widow and family or for himself as the case requires, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund at the prescribed rates."

" 22. Funds may be established in such manner and subject to such provisions as are prescribed for providing for the payment of annuities or gratuities to members of the Permanent Military Forces permanently injured in the performance of their duties, and for the payment of annuities or gratuities to members of the Permanent Military Forces who are retired on account of age or infirmity."

Funds for annuities or gratuities in case of injury or retirement.

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Reason of the Senate for disagreeing to Amendment No. 8 of the House of Representatives.

Because it is already provided for in sections 57 and 123 of the *Defence Act 1903-1909*.

On the motion of Mr. Hughes the House agreed to the Senate's amendment on amendment No. 7, and did not insist on amendment No. 8, to which the Senate had disagreed.

8. PAPERS.—Mr. Hughes presented, pursuant to Statute—

Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Proposed Regulations.

Mr. O'Malley presented, pursuant to Statute—

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at Brighton, Victoria—As a Site for a Post-office.

9. SUPPLY [ESTIMATES, 1910-11, AND SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1911-12].—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Consideration resumed of Division 41, Subdivision 3.

Divisions 41 to 51 agreed to.

Division 52 debated and agreed to.

Divisions 53 to 58 agreed to.

Division 59 debated and agreed to.

Divisions 60 to 64 agreed to.

Division 65 debated and agreed to.

Divisions 66 to 210, collectively, debated and agreed to.

Division 211 read and debated.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after midnight—

FRIDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER, 1910.

Debate continued and Division agreed to.

Divisions 212 to 217, collectively, debated and agreed to.

ESTIMATES, 1910-11.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Frazer, That the following Resolution be reported to the House :—That, including the several sums already voted in this present Session of Parliament for such services, there be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1910-11, for the several services hereunder specified, sums not exceeding in each case, the following amounts, viz. :—

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|---|-----|-----|-----------|
| i. The Parliament | ... | ... | £32,700 |
| ii. The Department of External Affairs | ... | ... | 107,217 |
| iii. The Attorney-General's Department | ... | ... | 17,577 |
| iv. The Department of Home Affairs | ... | ... | 390,965 |
| v. The Department of the Treasury | ... | ... | 161,089 |
| Australian Note Issue Staff | ... | ... | 3,000 |
| Stamp Printing | ... | ... | 2,178 |
| Refunds of Revenue | ... | ... | 100,000 |
| Advance to the Treasurer | ... | ... | 250,000 |
| vi. The Department of Trade and Customs | ... | ... | 352,054 |
| vii. The Department of Defence | ... | ... | 1,251,362 |
| viii. The Postmaster-General's Department | ... | ... | 3,426,764 |

SUPPLY, 1911-12.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Frazer, after debate—That a sum not exceeding One million three hundred and fifteen thousand nine hundred and seventy-six pounds be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year ending 30th June, 1912.

Resolution to be reported and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered—That the Resolutions reported from the Committee be considered at once.

And the said Resolutions were read, and, on the motion of Mr. Frazer, were adopted by the House.

10. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Frazer moved, pursuant to contingent notice given by Mr. Hughes, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

11. WAYS AND MEANS [ESTIMATES, 1910-11, AND SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1911-12].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

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(In the Committee.)

ESTIMATES, 1910-11.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Frazer—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1910-11, a sum not exceeding Three million two hundred and fifty-three thousand and eighty pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

SUPPLY, 1911-12.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Frazer—That towards making good the supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year ending 30th June, 1912, a sum not exceeding One million three hundred and fifteen thousand nine hundred and seventy-six pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Resolutions reported from the Committee were read and, on the motion of Mr. Frazer, were adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Frazer and Mr. Hughes do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

12. APPROPRIATION BILL 1910-11.—Mr. Frazer then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and eleven and to appropriate the Supplies granted for such year in this session of the Parliament,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Frazer moved, 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.)

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.

Schedules agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

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

13. SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1911-12.—Mr. Frazer also brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twelve,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Frazer moved, 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.)

Clauses 1 to 4 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

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

14. SUPPLY [SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS, ETC., 1908-9].—
The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

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(In the Committee.)

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1908-9.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Frazer, after debate—That the following further sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1908-9, for the several service hereunder specified, viz:—

| | £ |
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| i. The Parliament | 854 |
| ii. The Department of External Affairs | 4,826 |
| iii. The Attorney-General's Department | 699 |
| iv. The Department of Home Affairs | 5,949 |
| v. The Department of the Treasury | 14,886 |
| Stamp Printing | 401 |
| vi. The Department of Trade and Customs | 3,602 |
| vii. The Department of Defence | 16,974 |
| viii. The Postmaster-General's Department | 72,589. |

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1908-9.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Frazer—That there be granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1908-9, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., a further sum not exceeding £29,017.

Resolutions to be reported and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered—That the Resolutions reported from the Committee be considered at once.

And the said Resolutions were read, and, on the motion of Mr. Frazer, were adopted by the House.

15. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Frazer moved, pursuant to contingent notice given by Mr. Hughes, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.
Question—put and passed.
16. WAYS AND MEANS [SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS, ETC., 1908-9].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1908-9.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Frazer—That towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year ended 30th June, 1909, a sum not exceeding One hundred and twenty thousand seven hundred and eighty pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS; ETC., 1908-9.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Frazer—That towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year ended 30th June, 1909, a sum not exceeding Twenty-nine thousand and seventeen pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

And the said Resolutions were read, and, on the motion of Mr. Frazer, were adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Frazer and Mr. Hughes do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

17. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 1908-9.—Mr. Frazer then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to appropriate a further sum for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and nine*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. Frazer moved, 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.)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

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

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18. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1908-9.—Mr. Frazer also brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to appropriate a further sum for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and nine for purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.*,” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
 Mr. Frazer moved, 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.)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.
 Schedule agreed to.
 Preamble agreed to.
 Title agreed to.
 Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.
 On the motion of Mr. Frazer, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

19. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL (1910).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 48.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act relating to Duties of Customs*,” and requests the House to amend the Bill as set forth in the annexed Schedule.

H. TURLEY,
 President.

The Senate,
 Melbourne, 23rd November, 1910.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be considered forthwith in Committee of the whole House.
 The Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

The Committee proceeded to consider the requested amendments.

SCHEDULE SHOWING REQUESTS MADE BY THE SENATE FOR AMENDMENTS IN THE CUSTOMS TARIFF 1910.

- No. 1.—Page 3, Item 106(A), leave out “made or cut to length or made or”.
- No. 2.—Page 3, Item 107, leave out this Item, viz:—
 By inserting in the Item, after the word “materials”, the words, “made or cut to length or made or”.
- No. 3.—Page 3, Item 123, leave out the following paragraph :—
 By inserting in sub-item (D), after the words “Lace for Attire”, the words “exceeding eighteen inches in width”.
- No. 4.—Page 3, Item 123, leave out the following paragraph :—
 By inserting in sub-item (D), after the words “Lace Flouncings”, the words “Exceeding eighteen inches in width”.
- No. 5.—Page 3, Item 123, leave out the following paragraph :—
 By inserting in sub-item (D), after the words “Millinery and Dress Nets”, the words “exceeding eighteen inches in width”.
- No. 6.—Page 3, Item 123, leave out the following paragraph :—
 By inserting in sub-item (D), after the words “Embroideries in the piece”, the words “exceeding eighteen inches in width”.
- No. 7.—Page 4, Item 134, leave out “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 ;”.
- No. 8.—Page 4, Item 134, leave out the following paragraph :—
 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”.
- No. 9.—Page 4, Item 134, leave out the following paragraph :—
 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”.
- No. 10.—Page 5, Item 170, first paragraph, leave out “2”, insert “ $\frac{1}{2}$ ”.
- No. 11.—Page 5, Item 170, second paragraph, after “castings”, insert “not elsewhere specified”.
- No. 12.—Page 5, Item 222, add to Item the following new paragraph :—
 By inserting in sub-item (A), after the words “all steel parts for such wheels” the words “including axles”.

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No. 13.—Page 5, Item 222, add to Item the following further new paragraph :—

By inserting in sub-item (B), after the words “all steel parts for such wheels”, the words “including axles”.

No. 14.—Page 6, Item 236, add to Item the following new paragraph :—

By omitting from sub-item (B) the word “including” and inserting in its stead a comma.

No. 15.—Page 6, Item 356, line 6, leave out “80 lb.”, insert “70 lb.”.

No. 16.—Page 7, Item 356, sub-item (i), line 2, after “caps” insert “not elsewhere specified”.

No. 17.—Page 7, Item 356, sub-item (i), lines 4–8, leave out “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”.

No. 18.—Page 7, Item 356, leave out the following paragraph :—

By omitting the whole of sub-item (κ), and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—

“(κ) 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.”.

No. 19.—Page 7, Item 356, leave out the following paragraph :—

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”.

No. 20.—Page 7, Item 356, sub-item (AA), paragraph (1), leave out “12 x 48”, insert “8 x 38”.

No. 21.—Page 7, Item 357, leave out the following paragraph :—

By omitting from sub-item (A) the words “Cardboard Boxes, cut and shaped, or finished ;”.

No. 22.—Page 7, Item 357, leave out the following paragraph :—

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.”

On the motion of Mr. Hughes, the Committee agreed, after debate, to make requested amendment No. 1, and agreed to make requested amendments Nos. 2 to 22.
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Hughes the House adopted the Report.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Senate amended accordingly.

20. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—JUDICIARY BILL (1910).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 49.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Judiciary Act 1903-1907’*”, to which it has agreed without amendment.

H. TURLEY,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 24th November, 1910.

21. JOINT LIBRARY COMMITTEE.—Mr. Speaker presented a Report from the Joint Library Committee.
Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.

22. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until ten o'clock a.m. this day.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at two minutes to three o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Beard, Mr. Fisher, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Greene, Mr. Groom, Mr. Livingston, and Mr. Page.

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