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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 24.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 13TH OCTOBER, 1911.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. Fisher presented, pursuant to Statute—
Invalid and Old-age Pensions—Statement in accordance with section 54 of the *Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act 1908-9*.
Mr. O'Malley presented, pursuant to Statute—
Meteorology Act—Regulation No. 1 further amended—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 164.
3. KALGOORLIE TO PORT AUGUSTA RAILWAY 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 6 debated and agreed to.
 Clause 7 debated and agreed to.
 Clause 8 debated and agreed to.
 Clause 9 debated and agreed to.
 Clause 10 debated and agreed to.
 Clause 11 debated and agreed to.
 Clause 12 read—

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

At end of clause add "Such by-laws shall be deemed regulations within the meaning of section ten of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1904*".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.
 Clause 13 agreed to.
 Clause 14 read—

Mr. Glynn moved the following amendment:—

At end of clause add "and shall be deemed to be regulations within the meaning of section ten of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1904*".

Debate ensued.
 Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
 Clause postponed.
 Clause 15 read—

Mr. Catts moved the following amendment:—

At end of clause add "Provided that the recognised working hours shall not exceed forty-eight per week unless in cases of emergency when overtime may be worked, and provided also that the minimum rate of wages shall not be less than eight shillings for eight hours".

Debate ensued.
 Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

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

Line 32, after "appoint" insert "for any period not extending six months beyond the date on which the line shall be declared open for traffic".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 16 agreed to.

Clause 17 debated and agreed to.

Clause 18 debated and agreed to.

Clause 19 read—

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

Line 6, omit "are hereby appropriated for that purpose accordingly" and insert in place thereof "according to appropriations from time to time made by Parliament for that purpose".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Postponed clause 14 again read—

Mr. Glynn moved the following amendment :—

At end of clause add "and shall be deemed to be regulations within the meaning of section ten of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1904*".

Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 17.

Sir Robert Best	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Cook	Mr. Ryrie
Mr. R. Edwards	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Thomson
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Wise
Mr. Glynn	
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Hedges	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. W. Elliot Johnson	Mr. Catts
Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Greene

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Mr. Anstey	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Bamford	Mr. McDougall
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Cann	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Riley
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Thomas
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Frazer	Mr. West
Mr. Higgs	
Mr. Howe	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jensen	Mr. Finlayson
Mr. W. J. Johnson	Mr. Hall

And so it was negatived.

Clause 14 agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. O'Malley the following new clause was added to the Bill :—

13A.—(1.) By arrangement with any State, the Minister may—

(a) connect the Railway with any State Railway ; or

(b) permit any State Railway to be connected with the Railway ; and

(c) run trains or rolling-stock of the Commonwealth over any State Railway with which the Railway is connected.

Power to
connect with
State Railways.

(2.) No connexion which involves the construction of more than one mile of additional line of railway shall be made by the Minister in pursuance of this section.

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

15A.—(1.) The working hours of officers appointed for the purposes of the construction or working of the railway shall not exceed forty-eight per week unless in cases of emergency when overtime may be worked.

(2.) The minimum rate of wages for all adult officers appointed for the purposes of the construction or working of the Railway shall not be less than eight shillings for eight hours, but nothing herein contained shall prevent the Minister from increasing such minimum rate.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Cook moved an amendment on the proposed clause, viz., omit the words "eight shillings" and insert "nine shillings" in place thereof.

Debate continued.

Question—That the words "eight shillings" proposed to be omitted stand part of the proposed clause—put and negatived.

Question—That the words "nine shillings" proposed to be inserted, in place of the words omitted, be so inserted—put and negatived.

Question—That the proposed new clause, as amended, be added to the Bill—put.

And the voices having been given, Mr. Poynton stated that the Noes had it.

A division being called for, the bells were rung and the doors locked.

Members having taken their places and only one Member voting "Aye" Mr. Poynton declared the question negatived.

Schedule read.

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Mr. Bamford moved the following amendment :—

Line 1, after the word "follows" insert "what is known as the stock route *via* Eucla and Fowler Bay".

Debate ensued.

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

Schedule agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

By leave, on the motion of Mr. O'Malley, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

4. THE LATE HONORABLE E. L. BATCHELOR.—Mr. Speaker read to the House the following letter :—

House of Assembly, Hobart,
10th October, 1911.

The Honorable the Speaker,
House of Representatives, Melbourne.

SIR,

I have the honour to communicate to you the following Resolution passed by this House this day :—

"Resolved, That this House desires to convey to the Government and Parliament of the Commonwealth its deep sympathy in the loss it has sustained by the sudden and regretted death of the Honorable E. L. Batchelor, Minister of External Affairs."

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant.

J. G. DAVIES,
Speaker.

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

Defence Act—Military Forces—

Regulation No. 64A (New)—Provisional—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 161.

Financial and Allowance Regulations Amended (Provisional)—

No. 107 (b)—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 162.

No. 166—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 163.

6. SEAMEN'S COMPENSATION 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.

Mr. Greene 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 Tuesday next.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 and 4 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 5.

8. POST AND TELEGRAPH RATES BILL (1911).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Thomas moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Thomas 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 Tuesday next.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 3) 1911-12.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 8.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twelve," to which it has agreed without requests.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 13th October, 1911

H. TURLEY,
President.

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10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-three minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Brown, Mr. Carr, Mr. Deakin, Mr. Frank J. Foster, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hans Irvine, Mr. Livingston, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Mahon, Mr. Page, Sir John Quick, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Salmon, Mr. Scullin, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Webster.

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