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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 45.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER, 1911.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1911-12.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

DENMAN,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 11.*

A Bill intituled "*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 for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.,*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,  
Melbourne, 17th November, 1911.

3. PAPERS.—Mr. Fisher presented, pursuant to Statute—

Audit Act—Treasury Regulation No. 47 Amended—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 180.

Mr. O'Malley presented, pursuant to Statute—

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at West Maitland, New South Wales—For Commonwealth purposes.

Seat of Government—Ordinance No. 2 of 1911—Rates.

4. GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—PRECEDENCE TO.—Mr. Fisher moved, pursuant to notice, That, on each sitting day, until otherwise ordered, Government Business shall take precedence of General Business.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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5. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (1911).—SENATE'S AMENDMENT.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendment made by the Senate in this Bill—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, which is as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE.

Page 3, clause 12, lines 5-7, leave out all the words after "amended", and insert—

"(a) by inserting in sub-section (1.), after the words 'agreement between the parties', the words 'as to the whole or any part of the dispute', and

"(b) by omitting the whole of sub-section (2.), and inserting in its stead the following sub-section :—

"(2.) If no agreement between the parties as to the whole of the dispute is arrived at, the Court shall, by an award, determine the dispute, or (if an agreement has been arrived at as to a part of the dispute) so much of the dispute as is not settled by the agreement."

On the motion of Mr. Hughes, the Amendment was, after debate, agreed to.  
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

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

6. COMMONWEALTH BANK BILL.—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.

Mr. Kelly 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 to-morrow.

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

Question—put and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—  
Mr. Brown, Mr. Catts, Mr. Frank J. Foster, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Hall, Mr. Jensen, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Laird Smith, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Wise.

WALTER A. GALE,  
*Clerk Assistant,*  
*for Clerk of the House of Representatives.*