

1911.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 56.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 7TH DECEMBER, 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. KALGOORLIE TO PORT AUGUSTA RAILWAY BILL.—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendments 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 amendments, which are as follow :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

No. 1.—Page 4, clause 20, line 14, leave out “and the Consolidated Revenue Fund and the Loan Fund”.

No. 2.—Page 4, clause 20, line 15, leave out “from time to time”.

Amendments agreed to.
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Fisher the House adopted the Report.

3. SEAMEN'S COMPENSATION BILL (1911).—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendments 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 further consider the Amendments, which are as follow :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

No. 1.—Page 3, clause 5, line 23, after “Dominions” insert “or of any foreign country”.

No. 2.—Page 3, clause 5, at end of clause add the following new sub-clause :—

“(4.) Any undertaking given in pursuance of paragraph (e) of sub-section (2.) of this section shall have effect as a contract between the claimant and the person from whom the compensation is claimed.”

No. 3.—Page 5, clause 8, lines 25 and 26, leave out “not exceeding in any individual case one hundred pounds”.

No. 4.—Page 11, First Schedule, paragraph (19.), line 6, leave out “is”, insert “are”.

[Nos. 1 and 2 having been already agreed to. See page 153 *ante*].

Amendments Nos. 3 and 4 agreed to, after debate.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Tudor the House adopted the Report.

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4. COMMONWEALTH BANK BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the third reading, Mr. Fisher moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 37.		Noes, 23.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. McDougall	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Kelly
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Cook	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Brennan	Mr. O'Malley	Mr. Deakin	Sir John Quick
Mr. Brown	Mr. Ozanne	Mr. R. Edwards	Mr. Ryrie
Mr. Cann	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Carr	Mr. Riley	Sir John Forrest	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Catts	Mr. Roberts	Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Bruce Smith
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Fowler	Mr. Thomson
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Laird Smith	Mr. Fuller	
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Spence	Mr. Gordon	
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Thomas	Mr. Greene	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Frank J. Foster	Mr. Tudor	Mr. Groom	Mr. W. Elliot Johnson
Mr. Hall	Mr. Webster	Mr. Hedges	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Higgs	Mr. West		
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Jensen			
Sir William Lyne			
Mr. Mahon	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Page		
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Watkins		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

5. ELECTORAL BILL (1911).—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.

And the House continuing to sit till after midnight.

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Debate continued.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 32.		Noes, 21	
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Groom
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Parker Moloney	Sir Robert Best	Mr. Harper
Mr. Brown	Mr. O'Malley	Mr. Chapman	Mr. Hedges
Mr. Cann	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Cook	Mr. W. H. Irvine
Mr. Carr	Mr. Roberts	Mr. Deakin	Mr. Ryrie
Mr. Catts	Mr. Scullin	Mr. R. Edwards	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Laird Smith	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Thomson
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Spence	Sir John Forrest	
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Thomas	Mr. R. W. Foster	
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Tudor	Mr. Fowler	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Frank J. Foster	Mr. Webster	Mr. Fuller	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Hall	Mr. West	Mr. Greene	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Hughes			
Mr. Jensen	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Sir William Lyne	Mr. Page		
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Riley		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—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 read and agreed to.

Clause 2 debated and agreed to.

Clause 3 debated.

Question—that the clause stand as printed—put.

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The Committee divided—

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Riley
Mr. Brown	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Cann	Mr. Spence
Mr. Carr	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Webster
Mr. Fisher	Mr. West
Mr. Frazer	Mr. Wise
Mr. Higgs	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Sir William Lyne	Mr. Page
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Scullin

Noes, 13.

Mr. Charlton	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Cook	Mr. Ryrie
Mr. Deakin	Mr. Sinclair
Sir John Forrest	
Mr. Fowler	
Mr. Fuller	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Groom	Mr. Catts
Mr. Hedges	Mr. Greene

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clauses 4, 5, and 6 agreed to.

Clause 7 amended, on the motion of Mr. Hughes, after debate, by the omission of the word "shall" in line 21, and the insertion of the word "may" in place thereof.

Mr. Fairbairn moved a further amendment, line 37, omit "may" and insert "shall".

Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put and passed.

Clause, as amended, debated.

Question—That the clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Archibald	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Ozanne
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Page
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riley
Mr. Brown	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Cann	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Carr	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Spence
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Tudor
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Webster
Mr. Frazer	Mr. West
Mr. Higgs	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Catts
Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Watkins

Noes, 18.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Hedges
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Cook	Mr. Ryrie
Mr. Deakin	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. R. Edwards	Mr. Wise
Mr. R. W. Foster	
Mr. Fowler	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Greene
Mr. Groom	Mr. Hall

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause 8 debated.

Mr. Charlton moved an amendment, That 61E (lines 17 to 50 inclusive) be omitted from the clause.

Debate continued.

Amendment agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 9 debated and agreed to.

Clause 10 agreed to.

Clause 11 debated.

Question—That the clause stand as printed—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Bamford	Mr. Ozanne
Mr. Brown	Mr. Page
Mr. Cann	Mr. Riley
Mr. Carr	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Spence
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Frank J. Foster	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Frazer	Mr. Webster
Mr. Higgs	Mr. West
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Mathews	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Catts
Mr. O'Malley	Mr. Watkins

Noes, 22.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Groom
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Hedges
Sir Robert Best	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Ryrie
Mr. Cook	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Deakin	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. R. Edwards	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Wise
Sir John Forrest	
Mr. R. W. Foster	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Greene
Mr. Fuller	Mr. McWilliams

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Clause 12 agreed to.

Clause 13.

Question—That the clause stand as printed—put and negatived.

Clause 14.

Question—That the clause stand as printed—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 29.		Noes, 21.	
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Ozanne	Mr. Anstey	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Page	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Groom
Mr. Brown	Mr. Riley	Sir Robert Best	Mr. Hedges
Mr. Cann	Mr. Roberts	Mr. Catts	Mr. Ryrie
Mr. Carr	Mr. Laird Smith	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Spence	Mr. Cook	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Thomas	Mr. Deakin	Mr. Thomson
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Tudor	Mr. R. Edwards	
Mr. Frank J. Foster	Mr. Webster	Mr. Fairbairn	
Mr. Frazer	Mr. West	Sir John Forrest	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Wise	Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Greene
Mr. Hughes		Mr. Fowler	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. W. Maloney	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Mr. Mathews			
Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Scullin		
Mr. O'Malley	Mr. Watkins		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause 15 debated.

Mr. Sinclair moved an amendment—Line 39 after the word "absence" insert the words "may appoint."

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Chanter moved an amendment, That the following sub-clause be added to the clause :—

"(4.) One scrutineer at each polling booth or subdivision of a polling booth may be appointed, for the purposes of the polling, on behalf of the party in power, and one scrutineer at each polling booth may be appointed for that purpose on behalf of the party in direct opposition.

Every appointment of a scrutineer under this section shall be made in writing and shall be signed by a person or candidate authorized in writing by the parliamentary leader of the party on behalf of which it is made to make the appointment.

Every appointment of a scrutineer and every authority for the appointment of a scrutineer under this section shall be lodged with the prescribed officer before the scrutineer takes up his duties.

Each scrutineer appointed under this section and serving in that capacity during the polling shall, out of moneys provided by the Parliament, be paid the sum of Fifteen shillings for his services by the Commonwealth."

Debate ensued.

Question—That the sub-clause proposed to be added be so added—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 12.		Noes, 37.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. Parker Moloney	Sir Robert Best	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Riley	Mr. Brennan	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Webster	Mr. Cann	Mr. Page
Mr. Brown		Mr. Carr	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Chanter	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Catts	Mr. Ryrie
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Frank J. Foster	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Sampson
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Cook	Mr. Scullin
		Mr. Deakin	Mr. Sinclair
		Mr. R. Edwards	Mr. Laird Smith
		Mr. Fenton	Mr. Spence
		Mr. Fisher	Mr. Thomas
		Sir John Forrest	Mr. Thomson
		Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Tudor
		Mr. Fowler	Mr. West
		Mr. Frazer	Mr. Wise
		Mr. Fuller	
		Mr. Groom	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Hedges	
		Mr. Hughes	Mr. Greene
		Sir William Lyne	Mr. Watkins

And so it was negatived.

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Mr. W. Maloney moved an amendment, That the following sub-clause be added to the clause :—

“(4.) One scrutineer at each polling booth or sub-division of a polling booth may be appointed, for the purposes of the polling, on behalf of each candidate, and one scrutineer at each polling booth may be appointed for that purpose on behalf of the party in direct opposition.

Every appointment of a scrutineer under this section shall be made in writing and shall be signed by a person or candidate authorized in writing by the Parliamentary leader of the party on behalf of which it is made to make the appointment.

Every appointment of a scrutineer and every authority for the appointment of a scrutineer under this section shall be lodged with the prescribed officer before the scrutineer takes up his duties.

Each scrutineer appointed under this section and serving in that capacity during the polling shall, out of moneys provided by the Parliament, be paid the sum of Fifteen shillings for his services by the Commonwealth.”

Question—That the sub-clause proposed to be added be so added—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 12.		Noes, 37.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Archibald	Sir William Lyne
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Riley	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Mahon
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Webster	Mr. Brown	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Catts		Mr. Cann	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Chanter	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Carr	Mr. Page
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Frank J. Foster	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Roberts
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Cook	Mr. Ryrie
		Mr. Deakin	Mr. Sampson
		Mr. R. Edwards	Mr. Scullin
		Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Sinclair
		Mr. Fenton	Mr. Laird Smith
		Mr. Fisher	Mr. Spence
		Sir John Forrest	Mr. Thomas
		Mr. Fowler	Mr. Thomson
		Mr. Frazer	Mr. Tudor
		Mr. Groom	Mr. West
		Mr. Hedges	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Hughes	Mr. Greene
		Mr. W. H. Irvine	Mr. Watkins

And so it was negatived.

After further debate clause agreed to.

Clause 16 agreed to.

Clause 17 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 18 to 22, inclusive, agreed to.

Clause 23 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 24 to 29, inclusive, agreed to.

Clause 30 debated and agreed to.

Clause 31 agreed to.

Clause 32 debated.

On the motion of Mr. Hughes, the clause was amended by inserting the words “trades union registered or unregistered” before the word “organization” in sub-sections (2.), (3.), (4.), (5.), and (8.), of section 172A, and by inserting the words “trades unions registered or unregistered” before the word “organizations” in sub-section (1.) of section 172B.

Clause, as amended, agreed to, after further debate.

Clause 33 agreed to.

Clause 34 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 35, 36, and 37 agreed to.

Clause 38 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 39, 40, and 41 agreed to.

Clause 42, after debate, amended, on the motion of Mr. Fisher, by the omission of the words “three years” and the insertion of the words “one year” in place thereof, and clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 43 amended, on the motion of Mr. Fisher, by the omission of the words “three years” and the insertion of the words “one year” in place thereof, and clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 44 amended, on the motion of Mr. O'Malley, by adding the words “and inserting Forms I and J in the Schedule to this Act in the stead of Forms I and J omitted”, and clause, as amended, agreed to.

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

THE SCHEDULE.

FORM I.

Section 91.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

State of *(here insert name of State)*.

Nomination of Senator.

To the Commonwealth Electoral Officer for the State of *(here insert name of State)*.

We, the undersigned electors on the Electoral Roll for the State of *(here insert name of State)*, and entitled to vote at the Election of Senators for the said State, do hereby nominate *(here insert the Christian name or names in full, surname, place of residence, and occupation of the person nominated)* as a Senator for the State of *(here insert name of State)*, to serve in the Senate of the Parliament of the Commonwealth, from and after the day of 19 .

Dated this day of 19 .

Signature of Nominator.	Place of Living.	Subdivision for which enrolled.	Number on Roll.

I, , of , consent to the above nomination, and to act if elected.

(Signature of Candidate.)

Witness—
Address—

N.B.—The candidate's consent to the nomination may be on a separate paper and in any form, but if given on the nomination paper in the above form its sufficiency is not to be questioned.

A nomination must be signed by not less than six persons entitled to vote at the election for which the candidate is nominated.

FORM J.

Section 9 .

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

State of *(here insert name of State)*.

Division of *(here insert name of Division)*.

Nomination of a Member of the House of Representatives.

(To the Returning Officer for the Electoral Division of *(here insert name of Division)*).

We, the undersigned electors on the Electoral Roll for the Electoral Division of *(here insert name of Division)*, in the State of *(here insert name of State)*, and entitled to vote at the Election of a member for the House of Representatives for the said Division, do hereby nominate *(here insert the Christian name or names in full, surname, place of residence, and occupation of person nominated)*, as a Member of the House of Representatives for the above-mentioned Division.

Dated this day of 19 .

Signature of Nominator.	Place of Living.	Subdivision for which enrolled.	Number on Roll.

I, , of , consent to the above nomination, and to act if elected.

(Signature of Candidate.)

Witness—
Address—

N.B.—The Candidate's consent to the nomination may be on a separate paper and in any form, but if given on the nomination paper in the above form its sufficiency is not to be questioned.

A nomination must be signed by not less than six persons entitled to vote at the election for which the candidate is nominated.

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

"10A. Section sixty-six of the Principal Act is amended by adding thereto the following sub-section :—

'(2.) The Registrar-General of Marriages in each State shall in the months of ^{Amendment of s. 66.} January, April, July, and October in each year forward to the Commonwealth Electoral Officer for the State particulars of all marriages registered during the preceding three months and in respect of which the bride is of the age of twenty-one years and upwards.'

Sir John Forrest moved, That the following new clause be added to the Bill :—

"5A. Section sixteen of the Principal Act is amended by adding the following words :—

'In making such distribution of States into Divisions it shall not be obligatory that the whole of any Division shall be conjoined and in one block.'

Debate ensued.

Proposed new clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Charlton moved, That the following new clause be added to the Bill :—

"12A. Section ninety-six of the Principal Act is repealed."

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 8.		Noes, 25.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Archibald	Mr. Page
Mr. Atkinson		Mr. Bamford	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Charlton	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Chanter	Mr. Ryrie
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Brennar	Mr. Deakin	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Webster	Mr. Fisher	Mr. Sinclair
		Sir John Forrest	Mr. Laird Smith
		Mr. Frazer	Mr. Thomas
		Mr. Groom	Mr. Tudor
		Mr. Hedges	Mr. West
		Mr. Hughes	
		Mr. Mahon	
		Mr. McWilliams	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Greene
		Mr. O'Malley	Mr. Watkins

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Charlton moved, That the following new clause be added to the Bill :—

"12B. Section ninety-seven of the Principal Act is amended by omitting therefrom paragraph (c)."

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 8.		Noes, 24.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Archibald	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Bamford		Mr. Brennan	Mr. Page
Mr. Fenton	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Chanter	Mr. Roberts
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Deakin	Mr. Ryrie
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Webster	Mr. Fisher	Mr. Sampson
		Sir John Forrest	Mr. Sinclair
		Mr. Frazer	Mr. Laird Smith
		Mr. Groom	Mr. Thomas
		Mr. Hedges	Mr. Tudor
		Mr. Higgs	
		Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Mahon	Mr. Greene
		Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Watkins

And so it was negatived.

Sir John Forrest moved, That the following new clause be added to the Bill :—

"31A. Section one hundred and seventy of the Principal Act is amended by omitting—

- '(i.) Purchasing electoral rolls.'
- (ii.) the words 'and notices of meetings.'
- (v.) the words 'and halls therefor.'

Debate ensued.

Proposed new clause amended, on the motion of Mr. Fisher, by the omission of paragraphs (ii.) and (v.).

New clause, as amended, agreed to

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Sir John Forrest moved, That the following new clause be added to the Bill :—

“31B. Section one hundred and seventy-one of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after the word ‘the’ in the third line ‘purchasing of electoral rolls, and the’.”

Question—put and passed.

Mr. W. Maloney moved, That the following new clause be added to the Bill :—

“32A. Every leading article, each special political article, and political paragraphs shall be signed by the full name of the writer for three months prior to the ending of a Parliament by effluxion of time and in the event of a dissolution prior to such effluxion from the date of such dissolution up to the election day.

Penalty : Fifty pounds.”

Debate ensued.

Mr. Chanter moved an amendment, That all the words after “32A” be omitted and that the following be inserted in place thereof :—

“On and after the date of issue of any writ for the election of a member for the House of Representatives or for the Senate, or for the taking of any Referendum Vote, any article, report, letter, or other matter commenting upon any candidate, or the issues then being submitted to the electors, printed and published in any newspaper, circular, pamphlet, or ‘dodger,’ shall be signed by the writer, giving his true name and address.

Penalty, Fifty pounds.”

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 21.		Noes, 11.	
Mr. Archibald	Mr. O'Malley	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Page	Mr. Deakin	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Roberts	Sir John Forrest	
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Laird Smith	Mr. Groom	
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Thomas	Mr. Hedges	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Tudor	Mr. Mahon	Mr. Greene
Mr. Frazer	Mr. West	Mr. Ryrie	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Higgs			
Mr. Hughes			
Mr. W. Maloney	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Watkins		
Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Webster		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the clause, as amended, be agreed to—put, and, after debate, passed.

Mr. Fenton, for Mr. Wise, moved, That the following new clause be added to the Bill :—

“33A. Section one hundred and seventy-seven of the Principal Act is amended by adding the following paragraph :—

(iii.) prints or publishes or distributes any electoral advertisement card handbill or pamphlet or electoral notice purporting to be a copy of the ballot-paper and calculated to mislead prevent or otherwise interfere with any voter in the free exercise of the franchise.”

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Fenton, for Mr. Wise, moved, That the following new clause be added to the Bill :—

“33B. Section one hundred and eighty is amended by adding the following paragraphs :—

(d) Printing or publishing any electoral advertisement, card, handbill, or pamphlet falsely purporting to be or to contain a copy of Form O or Form P in the Schedule or of the directions in such forms.

(e) Any publication of any electoral advertisement, card, handbill, or pamphlet, or any issue of any electoral notice containing statements calculated to mislead, prevent, or otherwise interfere with any voter in the free exercise of the franchise.”

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Hughes moved, That the following new clause be added to the Bill :—

“39A. Before section two hundred and six the following section is inserted :—

“206. The Chief Electoral Officer shall, in every case where the Crown Law authorities so advise institute legal proceedings against any person committing any offence under this Act.”

Question—put and passed.

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

“A.—(1.) When at any election for the House of Representatives a person receives a ballot-paper instead of placing a cross in the square opposite the name of the candidate for whom the elector desires to vote he shall mark his vote on the ballot-paper by placing the numeral 1 in the square opposite the name of the candidate for whom he votes as his first preference and shall give contingent votes for all the remaining candidates by placing numerals 2, 3, 4 (and so on as the case requires) in the squares opposite their names so as to indicate by such numeral sequence the order of his preference.

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(2.) The candidate opposite whose name the numeral 1 is so placed shall be deemed to be the candidate to whom the elector gives his vote within the meaning of the Principal Act."

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 8.		Noes, 24.	
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Sampson	Mr. Archibald	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Deakin		Mr. Brennan	Mr. Page
Mr. Groom	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Chanter	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Hedges	Mr. Greene	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Riley	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Laird Smith
		Mr. Fisher	Mr. Thomas
		Mr. Frazer	Mr. Tudor
		Mr. Higgs	Mr. Webster
		Mr. Hughes	Mr. West
		Mr. Jensen	
		Mr. Mahon	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Parker Moloney
		Mr. Mathews	Mr. Watkins

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Sampson, for Sir John Forrest, moved, That the following clause be added to the Bill :—

"C. For elections for Senators each State shall be divided into three electorates, each electorate returning two Senators in case of a general election, at which the whole six Senators are to be elected, and one Senator each in the case of the periodical elections for the Senate. In cases where there are more than three Senators to be elected for a State owing to an extraordinary vacancy having occurred, the electorate where the vacancy occurred shall be entitled to elect to fill the vacancy."

Question—put and negatived.

Mr. Chanter moved, That the following new clause be added to the Bill :—

"37A. Part XVI. of the Principal Act is hereby repealed and the following new section inserted in place thereof :—

"The validity of any election or return may be disputed by petition addressed to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, or President of the Senate, as the case may require, who shall refer the same to the Elections and Qualifications Committee, who shall have full power to enquire into the allegations made therein, and report to Parliament.

That such Committee shall be constituted of members chosen in equal proportions from the Ministerial supporters and members of the Opposition."

Question—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 9.		Noes, 22.	
Mr. Brennan	Mr. West	Mr. Archibald	Mr. Page
Mr. Charlton		Mr. Deakin	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Higgs	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Ryrie
Mr. Jensen		Mr. Fisher	Mr. Sampson
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Chanter	Mr. Frazer	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Webster	Mr. Groom	Mr. Laird Smith
		Mr. Hedges	Mr. Thomas
		Mr. Hughes	Mr. Tudor
		Mr. Mahon	
		Mr. Mathews	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Greene
		Mr. O'Malley	Mr. Watkins

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Chanter moved, That the following new clause be added to the Bill :—

"22A. After section one hundred and fifty-six of the Principal Act the following section is inserted :—

'156A.—(1.) One scrutineer for the purposes of the scrutiny may be appointed for each place at which a scrutiny is held on behalf of the party in power, and one such scrutineer may be appointed on behalf of the party in direct opposition.

'(2.) Every appointment of a scrutineer under this section shall be made in writing, and shall be signed by a person authorized in writing by the Parliamentary leader of the party on behalf of which it is made to make the appointment.

'(3.) Every appointment of a scrutineer and every authority for the appointment under this section of a scrutineer shall be lodged with the prescribed officer.

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'(4.) Each scrutineer acting under this section in connexion with a scrutiny shall, out of moneys provided by the Parliament, be paid a sum not exceeding Fifteen shillings for his services by the Commonwealth.'

Question—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 8.		Noes, 22.	
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Higgs		Mr. Deakin	Mr. Ryrie
Mr. Jensen	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Sampson
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Chanter	Mr. Fisher	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Webster	Mr. Frazer	Mr. Laird Smith
		Mr. Groom	Mr. Thomas
		Mr. Hedges	Mr. Tudor
		Mr. Hughes	Mr. West
		Mr. Mahon	
		Mr. McWilliams	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. O'Malley	Mr. Greene
		Mr. Page	Mr. Watkins

And so it was negatived

Mr. Sinclair moved, That the following new clause be added to the Bill :—

"13A. Section one hundred and seven is amended by striking out all the words in the section after the word 'elected' and inserting in place thereof—'the Returning Officer will inform the Speaker who shall postpone the date of election to allow sufficient time for further nominations.'"

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

Mr. Hughes moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clause 9.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 9 reconsidered.

On the motion of Mr. Hughes, the following amendment was made—At the end of the clause add—
"and the Registrar shall send by post, to any person whose name is so struck out, notice of the fact."

Bill to be reported with a further amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the consideration of the Reports be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—NAVAL DEFENCE BILL (1911).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 19.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Naval Defence Act 1910,'*" and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

H. TURLEY,

President.

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7. NAVAL DEFENCE BILL (1911).—Mr. Roberts moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time.

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

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—DEFENCE BILL (1911).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 20.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to amend Sections One hundred and twenty-seven, One hundred and thirty-four, One hundred and thirty-five, and One hundred and forty-two of the 'Defence Act 1903-1910,'*" and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

H. TURLEY,

President.

The Senate,

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9. DEFENCE BILL (1911).—Mr. Roberts moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time.

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

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—LAND TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1911).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 21.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the Land Tax Assessment Act 1910*,” 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.

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

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendment made by the Senate, which is as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE.

Page 3, clause 9, line 32, leave out “primary” and insert “secondary”.

Amendment agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

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

1. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—TRUST FUND TELEGRAPHS AND TELEPHONES SPECIAL WORKS ACCOUNT BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

DENMAN,

Governor-General.

Message No. 18.

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 and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the expending of moneys paid into the Trust Fund Telegraphs and Telephones Special Works Account.

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Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

12. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1, 1912-13).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

DENMAN,

Governor-General.

Message No. 19.

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 for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and thirteen.

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Ordered to lie on the Table and to be referred to the Committee of Supply.

13. PAPERS.—Mr. Fisher presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Australian Notes—Correspondence relating to the Gold Reserve in respect of the issue of.

Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.

Mr. O'Malley presented, pursuant to Statute—

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at Newnes, New South Wales—As a site for a Post Office.

Public Service Act—New Regulation No. 158A (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 202.

Mr. Roberts presented, pursuant to Statute—

Defence Act—Military Forces—Regulations Amended (Provisional)—

Nos. 153, 157—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 198.

No. 5—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 199.

Nos. 78A, 78B, 78C—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 200.

Financial and Allowance—No. 36 (b), Statutory Rules 1911, No. 201.

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14. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next.

Question—put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at four minutes past Ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Finlayson, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Howe, Mr. Hans Irvine, Mr. W. J. Johnson, and Mr. Livingston.

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