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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 17.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE °

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 18TH JULY, 1912.

- 1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2. PETITIONS.—Mr. Mahon presented five Petitions from certain adult white people, residents of, or having an interest in, Papua, praying that the House will amend Clause 286 of the Navigation Bill so that the Territory of Papua will not come within its operation.
Petitions received and one of them read.
Mr. Mahon moved, That the Petitions be printed.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
- 3. PRINTING COMMITTEE—FIRST REPORT FROM.—Sir John Quick, Chairman, brought up the First Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate).
The Report was read by the Clerk, and is as follows :—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have met in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the undermentioned Papers and Petition presented to Parliament, make the following recommendations :—

Subject of Paper.	Recommendation of Committee.	Remarks.
Petition— †Papua—From Adult White People, residents of, or who have interests in, Papua, praying that the Constitution of Papua may be amended so as to provide for Adult Suffrage, &c.	To be printed	
Papers— Audit Act—Transfers—Financial Years 1910-11 and 1911-12— Dated—26th April, 1912 ; 14th February ; 20th and 27th March ; 3rd, 18th, and 26th April ; 8th and 15th May, 1912	No recommenda- tion	
†Australian Notes in Circulation on 14th November, 1911—Statement in Auditor-General's Report for 1911-12 re	" "	
Census and Statistics Act— Regulations—Statutory Rules 1912, Nos. 12, 31, 38, 116, 118, 137	" "	Already in print and circulated to Members

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<i>Papers—continued—</i>		
<i>Census and Statistics Act—continued.</i>		
<i>Bulletins—</i>		
Australian Statistics—Monthly Summaries, 1912—Nos. 1 to 4	No recommenda- tion	Already in print and cir- culated to Members
Census—Nos. 1 to 12	" "	" "
Finance—No. 5	" "	" "
Population and Vital Statistics—Nos. 27 and 28	" "	" "
Production—No. 5	" "	" "
Social Statistics—No. 4	" "	" "
Transport and Communication—No. 5	" "	" "
Trade, Shipping, Migration, and Finance—Nos. 56 to 60	" "	" "
Cost of Living in Australia, 1910–11	" "	" "
Official Year-Book of the Commonwealth, No. 5, 1901 to 1911	" "	" "
Shipping and Oversea Migration, 1910	" "	" "
Trade and Customs and Excise Revenue, 1910	" "	" "
Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Statutory Rules, No. 204 of 1911 and No. 53 of 1912	" "	" "
†Commonwealth Bank—Documents relating to the Appointment of Mr. D. S. K. Miller as Governor	No recommenda- tion	
Contract Immigrants Act—Return for 1911	To be printed	
Customs Act—Proclamation <i>re</i> Leather containing Barium	No recommenda- tion	
<i>Defence Act—</i>		
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1911, Nos. 212, 213; and 1912, Nos. 6, 7, 10, 16, 19, 20, 23, 28, 30, 37, 42, 43, 47, 48, 61, 72, 82, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 100, 111, 112, 113, 125, 132, 134, 135	" "	Already in print and cir- culated to Members
Financial and Allowance Regulations—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 211; and 1912, Nos. 8, 9, 11, 14, 15, 17, 21, 22, 24, 25, 29, 36, 39, 40, 41, 44, 49, 50, 58, 59, 73, 74, 77, 81, 98, 99, 103, 104, 110, 114, 115, 123, 124, 126, 133, 136	" "	" "
<i>Defence Forces—</i>		
Australian Army Medical Corps—Annual Report of Director-General, 1910–11	To be printed	
Explanatory Memorandum regarding—Universal Training Regulations for Citizen Forces; Proposed new Military Organization; How Scheme of Re-organization affects National Regiments; and Remarks on Retention of National Regiments	No recommenda- tion	
<i>Electoral Act—</i>		
Reports, with Maps, by the Commissioners appointed for the purpose of Distributing into Electoral Divisions the States of—		
Victoria	To be printed	
Western Australia	" "	
Queensland (Report of Messrs. Gall and Spowers)	" "	
Queensland (Report of Mr. Graham)	" "	
†Queensland—Tentative Recommendation in relation to Divisions of Herbert and Kennedy, by Mr. Graham	" "	
Electoral Act and Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act—Statutory Rules 1912, No. 68	No recommenda- tion	Already in print and cir- culated to Members
Electoral Act and Tasmanian Electoral Act—Statutory Rules 1912, No. 67	" "	" "
Excise Act—Statutory Rules 1912, No. 5	" "	" "

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<i>Papers—continued—</i>		
Federal Capital City—Report of Board on the Competitive Designs for	To be printed	
Fleet Unit—Memorandum by the Minister for Defence <i>re</i> providing and training the <i>personnel</i> required to man the vessels of the	" "	
Immigration Restriction Act—Return for 1911 ..	" "	
Industrial Trouble in Queensland—Application by Executive Government of the State under Section 119 of the Constitution ; also Correspondence	" "	
Lands Acquisition Act—		
Land acquired under, at—Bittern (2), Caulfield, Delungra, Fort Largs, Gidginbung, Guildford (W.A.), Haymarket (N.S.W.), Hamilton (Vic.), Hann's Inlet, Jervis Bay, Kilkivan, Kyogle, North Botany, Penguin, Pialligo, Rylstone, Selwyn, Stockton, West Terrace, Yarraville, Yatala (Hundred of) (2),	No recommendation	Published in <i>Gazette</i>
Land leased to G. A. Boreham at Acton, Federal Territory	" "	
Land Tax Assessment Act—First Annual Report of the Commissioner	To be printed	
Lighting of the Coast Line of the Commonwealth—		
Reports by Commander Brewis on—		
Bass Strait (South-East Coast of Victoria) ..	" "	
Tasmania and the Islands in Bass Strait ..	" "	
North Coast (Northern Territory, Cape Wessel to Cape Fourcroy)	" "	
North-East Coast (Torres Strait to Cape Moreton)	" "	
Meteorology Act—Statutory Rules 1912, Nos. 13, 84	No recommendation	Already in print and circulated to Members
Naturalization Act—Return for 1911	To be printed	
Naval Defence Act—		
Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1912, Nos. 3, 108, 109	No recommendation	Already in print and circulated to Members
Financial and Allowance Regulations—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 210 ; and 1912, Nos. 2, 18, 34, 83	" "	
Northern Territory—Ordinances—Nos. 14, 15, 16, of 1911 ; and Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 of 1912	To be printed and bound annually in a separate volume	
Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Stock Diseases Act 1888 (of South Australia)—Proclamation <i>re</i> Prohibition of Stock into Bathurst and Melville Islands	No recommendation	
Papua—		
Ordinances of 1911—Nos. 7, 20, 22, 28, 29, 30; Land ; Native Labour ; and Pearl, Pearl-shell, and Beche-de-Mer	To be printed	
Ordinances of 1912—Cemeteries, Mining, and No. 2.—Supplementary Appropriation 1911-12 (No. 2)	" "	
Post and Telegraph Act—		
Regulations Amended, &c.—Statutory Rules 1911, Nos. 192, 194, 197, 203, 214, 215 ; and 1912, Nos. 4, 26, 27, 35, 45, 46, 64, 65, 66, 69, 70, 71, 78, 79, 85, 94, 95, 96, 97, 107, 119, 121	No recommendation	Already in print and circulated to Members

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<i>Papers—continued.</i>		
Public Service Act—		
Recommendations, &c., in cases of Appointments, Promotions, &c., of—Abolition of office of Assistant Comptroller-General; J. Banks, W. H. Barkley, R. W. Bell, J. Brophy, C. G. Brown, J. Byrne, J. E. Cathie, J. A. Carrodus, A. J. Christie, W. J. Clemens, J. B. Cook, A. D. Craig, R. Eagle, H. C. Elvins, A. Ferguson, W. F. Ferguson, T. Finlay, Percy Howe, J. T. Keaney, G. H. Legge, J. A. Lees, T. P. McKee, H. McTaggart, G. H. Morgan, E. W. Nettle, R. M. Oakley, W. N. Rowse, D. G. Ryan, M. L. Shepherd, W. L. Smallhorn, J. H. Starling, A. Stewart, L. E. Tilney, A. T. Wasley, W. H. Vincent	No recommenda- tion	
Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1912, Nos. 1, 32, 33, 51, 52, 54, 55, 56, 57, 62, 63, 80, 92, 101, 102, 106, 117, 139	" "	Already in print and circulated to Members
Quarantine Act—Statutory Rules 1912, No. 105..	" "	" "
Railway Passes—Issue of, to ex-Ministers of the Commonwealth—Circular Letter to State Premiers	" "	
Seamen's Compensation Act—Statutory Rules 1912, No. 127	" "	Already in print and circulated to Members
Seat of Government (Administration) Act—		
Ordinance of 1911—No. 3	} To be printed and bound annually in a separate volume	
Ordinances of 1912—Nos. 1 and 2		
Sugar Bounty Act—Statutory Rules 1912, No. 128	No recommenda- tion	Already in print and circulated to Members
Telegraphs and Telephones Special Works Account Act—		
Transfer—		
Dated 13th March, 1912	" "	
Dated 3rd July, 1912	" "	
Warships—Memorandum <i>re</i> Delay in Construction	" "	
† Werriwa Election, 1st June, 1912—		
Correspondence in connexion with date of	" "	
Detailed Return of Voting	To be printed	
Wireless Telegraphy Act—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 216; and 1912, Nos. 120, 122	No recommenda- tion	Already in print and circulated to Members

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Committee Room,
18th July, 1912.JOHN QUICK,
Chairman.Sir John Quick moved, by leave, That the Report be adopted.
Question—put and passed.

4. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered, That the consideration of other Business be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 2.
5. OBJECTION TO RULING OF MR. SPEAKER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the motion, by Mr. Higgs at the last sitting, to dissent from a ruling of Mr. Speaker—That Mr. Speaker's ruling that the amendment of the Member for Grey (Mr. Poynton) is in order be disagreed to on the ground that said amendment is the same in substance as the amendment moved by the Member for Gwydir (Mr. Webster) and defeated on the voices.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered, That the consideration of Notices of Motion, General Business, Nos. 1 to 6 inclusive be postponed until after the consideration of Notice of Motion No. 7.

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7. **IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION BILL (1912).**—Mr. Fowler moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Immigration Restriction Act 1901-1910*, so as to give increased power to the Minister for External Affairs to deport criminals.
Question—put and passed.
8. **PANAMA CANAL DUES—REBATE TO AMERICAN SHIPPING.**—Mr. Kelly moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House—
(1) Any system of bonus or rebate of canal dues to American shipping using the Panama Canal would be detrimental to the interests of Australia.
(2) That the above resolution be transmitted to the Senate for its concurrence.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
9. **MINISTERS' TRAVELLING ALLOWANCES.**—Mr. Palmer's notice of motion, "That a Return be laid upon the Table of the House showing the amount paid to Ministers of the Crown for travelling allowances during the recess, and, in detail, the amounts paid to each Minister," having been called on—Mr. W. Elliot Johnson moved, That the Notice of Motion be postponed.
Question—That the Notice of Motion be postponed—put and negatived.
And no Member moving the motion on the Paper, it lapsed under Standing Order No. 102.
10. **TROPICAL PORTIONS OF AUSTRALIA—ROYAL COMMISSION.**—Mr. McWilliams moved, pursuant to notice, That a Royal Commission, consisting of Members of this House, be appointed to inquire into and report upon the most prompt and effective methods of developing the natural resources of the tropical portions of Australia, and of establishing therein a permanent population.
Debate ensued.
The time allowed for precedence to General Business having terminated, Government Business was called on.
11. **POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.**—Ordered, That the consideration of Notices of Motion, Government Business, be postponed until after consideration of Order of the Day No. 1.
12. **SUPPLY ["GRIEVANCE DAY"].**—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—
Question proposed—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.
13. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER.**—Mr. Fisher moved, by leave, That Standing Order No. 257A be suspended for to-morrow in regard to the second reading debate on the Navigation Bill.
Question—put and passed.
14. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Carr, Mr. Chanter, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Hedges*, Mr. Hans Irvine, Mr. Jensen, Mr. W. J. Johnson, Sir William Lyne*, Mr. Salmon, and Mr. West.

* On leave.

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