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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 19.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 23RD JULY, 1912.

- The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Fowler rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The appointment of Mr. H. Chinn in connexion with the construction of the Trans-Australian Railway."
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—
Mr. Fowler moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Mr. O'Malley, addressing the House, and not having, in compliance with Standing Order No. 39, concluded his speech within fifteen minutes, the honorable Member was, by leave of the House, allowed to continue his speech.
Debate continued.
It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 119, and the Orders of the Day were called on.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the consideration of other Government Business be postponed until after the consideration of Notice of Motion No. 4 and Order of the Day No. 5.
4. ROYAL COMMISSIONS BILL (1912).—Mr. Hughes moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Royal Commissions Act 1902*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Hughes then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it 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 to-morrow.
5. DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The following Order of the Day was, on the motion of Mr. Fisher, read and discharged :—
Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Bill (1912)—Second reading.
Ordered—That the said Bill be withdrawn.
6. ELECTORAL DIVISIONS OF VICTORIA—PROPOSED REDISTRIBUTION.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. O'Malley :—That the House of Representatives approves of the distribution of the State of Victoria into Electoral Divisions as proposed by Messrs. R. C. Oldham, J. M. Reed, and J. Molloy, the Commissioners for the purpose of distributing the said State into Divisions, in their report laid before Parliament on the 19th day of June, 1912, and that the names of the Divisions suggested in the report and indicated on the map referred to therein be adopted, except that the name "Henty" be substituted for "Caulfield."
Debate resumed.
Question—put and passed.

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7. ELECTORAL DIVISIONS OF QUEENSLAND—PROPOSED REDISTRIBUTION.—Mr. O'Malley moved, pursuant to notice, That the House of Representatives approves of the distribution of the State of Queensland into Electoral Divisions as proposed by Messrs. W. J. Gall and A. A. Spowers, a majority of the Commissioners for the purpose of distributing the said State into Divisions, in their report laid before Parliament on the 28th day of June, 1912, and that the names of the Divisions suggested in the report and indicated on the map referred to therein be adopted.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Page moved an amendment, That the following words be added to the motion—"with the exception that the proposed 'Landsborough' Division be named 'Lilley'."

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

Mr. Bamford moved a further amendment—That the Report be referred back to the Commissioners for further consideration.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the Report be referred back to the Commissioners for further consideration—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 27.

Noes, 25.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. McDougall	Sir Robert Best	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Cook	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Page	Mr. Deakin	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Poynton	Sir John Forrest	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Cann	Mr. Riley	Mr. Fowler	Mr. Salmon
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Frazer	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Laird Smith	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Spence	Mr. Glynn	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Frank J. Foster	Mr. Webster	Mr. Gordon	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Higgs	Mr. West	Mr. Greene	
Mr. Howe		Mr. Groom	
Mr. Jensen		Mr. Harper	
Mr. W. J. Johnson	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mahon	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Livingston	Mr. Fairbairn
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Ozanne		Mr. R. W. Foster

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

8. ELECTORAL DIVISIONS OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA—PROPOSED REDISTRIBUTION.—Mr. O'Malley moved, pursuant to notice, That the House of Representatives approves of the distribution of the State of Western Australia into Electoral Divisions as proposed by Messrs. E. G. Stenberg, H. F. Johnston, and A. W. Piesse, the Commissioners for the purpose of distributing the said State into Divisions, in their report laid before Parliament on the 19th day of June, 1912, and that the Divisions referred to in the report and indicated on the map as A, B, C, D, and E, be named as follows:—

Division A	...	...	...	...	Perth
" B	...	...	...	...	Fremantle
" C	...	...	...	...	Swan
" D	...	...	...	...	Kalgoorlie
" E	...	...	...	...	Dampier.

Debate ensued.

Sir John Forrest addressing the House, and 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 to-morrow.

9. PAPERS.—Mr. Frazer presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Australian Postal Electricians' Union—Copy of plaint by, and answer thereto of the Postmaster-General and the Public Service Commissioner.

Mr. Roberts presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Military Forces—Universal Training—Report of the Minister for Defence on the progress of Universal Training (to 30th June, 1912).

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Fisher presented, pursuant to Statute—

Land Tax Assessment Act—Section 50—Summary of Remissions of Penalty granted up to the 30th June, 1912, in respect of Assessments for 1910–11.

Mr. Thomas presented, pursuant to Statute—

Papua—Ordinance of 1912—No. 3—Supplementary Appropriation of 1911–12, No. 3.

Mr. Tudor presented, pursuant to Statute—

Excise Act—Cancellation of a Provisional Regulation *re* Payment of Overtime—Statutory Rules 1912, No. 138.

Mr. Frazer presented, pursuant to Statute—

Public Service Act (Postmaster-General's Department)—Promotion of D. R. McLean to the position of clerk, 4th Class, Chief Accountant's Branch, Central Staff.

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

And then the House, at thirty-four minutes past ten 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. Bennett, Mr. Brown, Mr. Carr, Mr. Catts, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Hedges*, Mr. Hans Irvine Sir William Lyne*, Sir John Quick, and Mr. Watkins.

* On leave.

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