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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 23.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 30TH JULY, 1912.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. Hughes presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 - Arbitration Court—Return showing Numbers of Awards, Compulsory Conferences, Agreements Filed, and Employés Affected.
 - Ordered to lie on the Table.
 - Mr. Hughes presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Conciliation and Arbitration Act—Regulations Amended, &c. (Provisional)—
 - Statutory Rules 1912, No. 93.
 - Statutory Rules 1912, No. 153.
 - Patents Act—
 - Regulations—Statutory Rules 1912, No. 76.
 - Regulation (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1912, No. 129.
 - Mr. Roberts presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Defence Act—Regulations Amended, &c. (Provisional)—
 - Universal Training—
 - Statutory Rules 1912, No. 145.
 - Statutory Rules 1912, No. 148.
 - Statutory Rules 1912, No. 151.
 - Military Forces—
 - Regulations—
 - Statutory Rules 1912, No. 144.
 - Statutory Rules 1912, No. 149.
 - Financial and Allowance Regulations—
 - Statutory Rules 1912, No. 150.
 - 3. DEATH OF THE EMPEROR OF JAPAN.—Mr. Fisher read to the House the following copy of a communication despatched to His Excellency the Governor-General, dated 30th July, 1912—

“I have the honour to invite Your Excellency to be so good as to despatch a cablegram to the Secretary of State for the Colonies conveying, on behalf of the Commonwealth Government and people of Australia, an expression of sympathy with the Japanese Nation in the loss they have sustained through the death of their beloved Mikado.”
 - 4. ROYAL COMMISSIONS BILL (1912).—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole House on this Bill—Mr. Hughes moved, That the Report be now adopted.
 - Debate ensued.
 - Question—put and passed.
 - Ordered—That the third reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

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5. ELECTORAL DIVISIONS OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA—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 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 resumed.

Mr. Chanter moved an amendment, That all the words after the word "That" in the first line be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof :—

"in accordance with section 22 of the *Electoral Act*, the redistribution be referred back to the Commissioners with an intimation that due consideration does not appear to have been given to the diversity of interest and the absence of means of communication between the districts of Mount Magnet and Cue, and the other portions of the proposed division D. That the Commissioners be requested to make the distribution on the basis of existing enrolment (and not by way of anticipation) so as to give each Division as nearly as practicable an equal number of electors."

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 23.

Noes, 22.

Mr. Cook	Mr. Salmon	Mr. Anstey	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Deakin	Mr. Sampson	Mr. Archibald	Mr. McDougall
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Sinclair	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Parker Moloney
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Bruce Smith	Mr. Brown	Mr. Riley
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Thomas	Mr. Cann	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Thomson	Mr. Carr	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Tudor	Mr. Catts	Mr. West
Mr. Groom	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Wise
Mr. Harper		Mr. Fenton	
Mr. Hughes		Mr. Frank J. Foster	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Livingston	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Howe	Mr. Bamford
Mr. O'Malley	Mr. Greene	Mr. Mahon	Mr. Webster
Sir John Quick	Mr. W. Elliot Johnson		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—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 :—

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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6. NAVIGATION 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. Carr 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. Tudor moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at nineteen 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. Atkinson, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Chapman, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Finlayson, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Frazer, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Hedges*, Mr. Hans Irvine, Mr. W. H. Irvine, Sir William Lyne*, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Ryrie, and Mr. Spence.

* On leave.

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