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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 47.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER, 1912.

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 AUDIT BILL (1912).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

DENMAN,

Governor-General.

Message No. 10.

A Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Audit Act 1901-1909,'" 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.

Brisbane,

4th September, 1912.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 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. 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 thirteen, 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.

Brisbane,

4th September, 1912.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO DEFENCE BILL (1912).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

DENMAN,

Governor-General.

Message No. 12.

A Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Defence Act 1903-1911,'" 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.

Brisbane,

4th September, 1912.

10th September, 1912.

5. PAPERS.—Mr. Fisher presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 Sugar Industry—Communication, dated 5th September, 1912, from the Premier of Queensland, with regard to proposed abolition of Excise and Bounty in respect of the Sugar Industry.
 Ordered to lie on the Table.
 Mr. Thomas presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Papua—Ordinance of 1912—No. 8.—Supplementary Appropriation of 1911-12, No. 4.
 Mr. Roberts presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Defence Act—Military Forces—Regulation Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1912, No. 170.

6. 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.

Mr. Sinclair moved an amendment, That after the word "That" the words "on and after October third" be inserted.

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted, be so inserted—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Atkinson	Sir John Quick
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Cook	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. R. Edwards	Mr. Thomson
Mr. Fuller	
Mr. Glynn	
Mr. Greene	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Kelly	Mr. W. Elliot Johnson
Mr. Palmer	Mr. Livingston

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Mr. Archibald	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Page
Mr. Bennett	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riley
Mr. Brown	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Cann	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Catts	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Spence
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Frazer	Mr. Webster
Mr. Higgs	Mr. West
Mr. Howe	Mr. Wise
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Jensen	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. W. J. Johnson	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. McDougall	Mr. Watkins

And so it was negatived.

Question—That on each sitting day, until otherwise ordered, Government Business shall take precedence of General Business—put and passed.

7. 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.

Sir John Forrest 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.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at a quarter 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. Carr, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Frank J. Foster, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Hans Irvine*, Mr. W. H. Irvine, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Mahon, Mr. Ryrie, and Mr. Bruce Smith.

* On leave.

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