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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 53.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER, 1912.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MATERNITY ALLOWANCE BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 13—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Fisher—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act relating to Maternity Allowances.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bamford reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.

And the said Resolution was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Fisher and Mr. Hughes do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Fisher 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 Tuesday next.

3. REFERENDUM (CONSTITUTION ALTERATION) BILL (1912) (No. 2).—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—Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1, 2 and 3 agreed to.

Clause 4 debated.

Sir John Quick moved an amendment, That the following words be inserted in page 2, line 5, after the word "of" (*first occurring*) "Part X., Voting by Post of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act* 1902-1909 and of".

Debate ensued.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at thirteen minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Cann, Mr. Carr, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Frank J. Foster, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Groom, Mr. Hans Irvine*, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Livingston, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Mahon, Mr. Riley, Mr. Sampson, Mr. Spence, Mr. Thomson, and Mr. Wise.

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