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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 57.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 27TH 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. OBJECTION TO RULING OF MR. SPEAKER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the motion by Mr. Deakin, at the last sitting, to dissent from a ruling of Mr. Speaker, viz. :—That the ruling of the Honorable the Speaker, that the amendment of the Member for Kooyong is irrelevant to the motion that the Bill for an Act to provide for payment of Maternity Allowances be now read a second time, be and is hereby disagreed with—
Ordered, after debate—That the Order of the Day be discharged.
3. MATERNITY ALLOWANCE BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 again read, and agreed to.

Clause 2—

Mr. Atkinson moved an amendment, That the following words be added to the clause:—"but not sooner than the date of the determination of its validity under the provisions of the *Judiciary Act 1910.*"

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 3, 4, and 5 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 6 to 9 agreed to.

Clause 10 debated—

Mr. Sinclair moved an amendment, Line 44, after the word "particular" add "; or (d) intercepts, or obtains without written authority a maternity allowance payable to another person,".

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 11 and 12 agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Fisher, the House adopted the Report, and the third reading was made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

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4. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND BUILDINGS, 1910-11.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :—

DENMAN,
Governor-General.

Message No. 14.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and eleven, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Melbourne, 19th September, 1912.

DENMAN,
Governor-General.

Message No. 15.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and eleven, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Melbourne, 19th September, 1912.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, to be printed and referred to the Committee of Supply.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at a quarter 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. Chapman, Mr. Deakin, Mr. Finlayson, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Hans Irvine*, Mr. W. J. Johnson, Mr. Livingston, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Mahon, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Spence, and Mr. Wynne.

* On leave.

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for Clerk of the House of Representatives.