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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 61.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 4TH OCTOBER, 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. PRINTING COMMITTEE—SECOND REPORT FROM—Mr. McWilliams, for the Chairman, brought up the Second Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate).

The Report was read by the Clerk Assistant, and is as follows :—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have met in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the undermentioned Petitions and Papers presented to Parliament, make the following recommendations :—

| Subject of Paper.                                                                                                                             | Recommendation of Committee. | Remarks.                                   |
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| Petitions—                                                                                                                                    |                              |                                            |
| †Praying for appointment of a Commission to revise the Constitution; and submission of revision to a Referendum at next Election .. .. .      | To be printed                |                                            |
| *Praying for appointment of a Commission to inquire into the Timber Industry of Australia .. .. .                                             | „ „                          |                                            |
| Papers—                                                                                                                                       |                              |                                            |
| †Arbitration Court—Return showing Numbers of Awards, Compulsory Conferences, Agreements filed and Employés affected .. .. .                   | „ „                          |                                            |
| †Australian Postal Electricians' Union—Copy of Plaint by and answer thereto of the Postmaster-General and Public Service Commissioner .. .. . | No recommendation            |                                            |
| Census and Statistics Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1912, No. 184 .. .. .                                                                   | „ „                          | Already in print and circulated to Members |
| *Chinese Students and Merchants—Conditions of Admission to the Commonwealth for certain limited periods .. .. .                               | To be printed                |                                            |
| Commonwealth Bank Act—Savings Bank Regulations—Statutory Rules 1912, No. 140 .. .. .                                                          | No recommendation            | Already in print and circulated to Members |
| Conciliation and Arbitration Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1912, Nos. 93, 153, 163 .. .. .                                                  | „ „                          | „ „                                        |
| Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1912, No. 152 .. .. .                                                                                 | „ „                          | „ „                                        |

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| Subject of Paper.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Recommendation of Committee. | Remarks.                                        |
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| <i>Papers—continued—</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                              |                                                 |
| <i>Defence Act—</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                              |                                                 |
| Regulations—Statutory Rules 1912, Nos. 144, 145, 148, 149, 151, 155, 162, 165, 166, 170, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 180, 181, 182, 183 .. .. .                                                                                                                   | No recommenda-<br>tion       | Already in print and cir-<br>culated to Members |
| Financial and Allowance Regulations—Statutory Rules 1912, Nos. 150, 164 .. .. .                                                                                                                                                                                | " "                          | " "                                             |
| <i>Defence—</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                              |                                                 |
| Extracts from the Annual Report of the Inspector-General of the Military Forces, dated 30th May, 1912 .. .. .                                                                                                                                                  | To be printed                |                                                 |
| Naval Forces—Report of the Minister for Defence on the progress of Universal Training to 30th June, 1912 .. .. .                                                                                                                                               | " "                          |                                                 |
| Universal Training—Report of the Minister for Defence on the progress made to 30th June, 1912 .. .. .                                                                                                                                                          | " "                          |                                                 |
| †Construction of Destroyers and Cruiser at the Fitzroy Dock, New South Wales .. .. .                                                                                                                                                                           | " "                          |                                                 |
| †Electoral—List of Divisional Returning Officers who are not Officers of the Public Service, and of Assistant Returning Officers appointed for the Referendum held on 26th April, 1912, who were not Officers of the Public Service or Public Officers .. .. . | No recommenda-<br>tion       |                                                 |
| Electoral Act—Further Report, with Map, by the Commissioners appointed to redistribute the State of Queensland into Electoral Divisions .. .. .                                                                                                                | To be printed                |                                                 |
| Electoral Act and Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act—Statutory Rules 1912, No. 161 .. .. .                                                                                                                                                               | No recommenda-<br>tion       | Already in print and cir-<br>culated to Members |
| Excise Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1912, Nos. 138, 172 .. .. .                                                                                                                                                                                             | " "                          | " "                                             |
| †Federal Government in Australia—Memorandum prepared by the Secretary, Attorney-General's Department at the request of the Government of the Transvaal .. .. .                                                                                                 | " "                          |                                                 |
| †High Court of Australia—The King and the Attorney-General v. The Associated Northern Collieries and others—Judgment of Mr. Justice Isaacs .. .. .                                                                                                             | " "                          |                                                 |
| Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act—Statement <i>re</i> Pensions for year ended 30th June, 1912 .. .. .                                                                                                                                                           | To be printed                |                                                 |
| <i>Lands Acquisition Act—</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                              |                                                 |
| Land acquired under at—Bogan Gate, Boolaroo, Davenport, Dumbleyung, Federal Territory and New South Wales, Fremantle, Guildford, Hobart, Merredin, Pinkenba, Port Augusta (2), Queanbeyan, Redbank .. .. .                                                     | No recommenda-<br>tion       | Published in <i>Gazette</i>                     |
| Land disposed of, at—Canberra, Bordertown .. .. .                                                                                                                                                                                                              | " "                          |                                                 |
| Land Tax Assessment Act—Summary of Remissions of Penalty granted, under section 50, up to the 30th June, 1912, in respect of Assessments for 1910-11. .. .. .                                                                                                  | " "                          |                                                 |
| Manufactures Encouragement Act—Return showing Bounty paid under, during year 1911-12 .. .. .                                                                                                                                                                   | To be printed                |                                                 |
| Meteorology Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1912, No. 159 .. .. .                                                                                                                                                                                              | No recommenda-<br>tion       | Already in print and cir-<br>culated to Members |
| †Ministers' Travelling Allowances—Return to Order .. .. .                                                                                                                                                                                                      | " "                          |                                                 |
| Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1912, No. 154 .. .. .                                                                                                                                                                                            | " "                          | Already in print and cir-<br>culated to Members |
| *New Commonwealth Treasury Buildings—Return to Order .. .. .                                                                                                                                                                                                   | To be printed                |                                                 |

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| <i>Papers—continued—</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                          |                                            |
| *Northern Territory—Particulars showing names, &c., of Officers appointed by the Government ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | To be printed                            |                                            |
| Northern Territory Lands Acquisition Ordinance 1911—Land acquired at Goyder (Hundred of), County of Palmerston, for Experimental Farms ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | No recommendation                        | Published in <i>Gazette</i>                |
| Papua—                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                          |                                            |
| Ordinance of 1911—No. 6 .. .. .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <i>See Resolution of Committee below</i> |                                            |
| Ordinances of 1912—Nos. 3, 8 .. .. .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | " "                                      |                                            |
| Papua Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1912, Nos. 60, 131 .. .. .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | No recommendation                        | Already in print and circulated to Members |
| Patents Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1912, Nos. 76, 129 .. .. .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | " "                                      | " "                                        |
| Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1912, Nos. 130, 142, 143, 147, 156, 157, 158                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | " "                                      | " "                                        |
| Public Service Act—                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                          |                                            |
| Recommendations, &c., in cases of Appointments, Promotions, &c., of—H. M. Cox, J. M. Crawford, C. B. Cantwell, V. G. Donald, G. G. Haldane, H. Harvie, L. Haslam, G. G. Hill, C. A. Hoy, G. E. Hudson, D. R. McLean, E. Moser, F. A. Piggin, A. J. Odgers, J. C. Radcliffe, H. J. Rowlands, J. N. Silk, H. J. Sheehan, R. B. Ward†, and A. P. Westhoven .. .. . | " "                                      |                                            |
| Regulations—Statutory Rules 1912, Nos. 160, 167, 179 .. .. .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | " "                                      | Already in print and circulated to Members |
| Return of Temporary Employés during the year ended 30th June, 1912 .. .. .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | " "                                      |                                            |
| Quarantine Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1912, No. 185 .. .. .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | " "                                      | Already in print and circulated to Members |
| †Railway Sleepers—Papers respecting adoption of Karri Sleepers (Powellized) on Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta Railway .. .. .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | " "                                      |                                            |
| *Royal Commissions Bill—Extract from a Sydney Newspaper .. .. .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | " "                                      |                                            |
| Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinances of 1912—Nos. 3, 4 .. .. .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <i>See Resolution of Committee below</i> |                                            |
| Shale Oils Bounties Act—Return of Bounty paid during year 1911-12 .. .. .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | To be printed                            |                                            |
| Sugar Industry—                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                          |                                            |
| †Report by Dr. Maxwell upon conditions of ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | " "                                      |                                            |
| †Communication from Premier of Queensland re proposed abolition of Excise and Bounty ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | " "                                      |                                            |
| *Timber—Importations during Year ended 30th June, 1912, and Countries of Origin—Return to Order ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | " "                                      |                                            |
| *Transferred Properties—Value of, and Interest on—Return to Order .. .. .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | " "                                      |                                            |
| Wireless Telegraphy Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1912, No. 146 .. .. .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | No recommendation                        | Already in print and circulated to Members |

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*Resolved*—That all Ordinances of Papua, the Northern Territory, and the Seat of Government be printed and bound annually in one volume.

*Resolved*—That all reports, papers, &c., be referred to the Printing Committee before being printed, excepting those which have been authorized by either the Senate or House of Representatives to be printed.

Committee Room,  
 3rd October, 1912.

W. J. McWILLIAMS,  
 for Chairman.

Mr. McWilliams moved, by leave, That the Report be adopted.

Ordered, after debate—That the Report be referred back to the Committee for reconsideration.

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3. NAVIGATION 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 271 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 272 to 279 agreed to.

Clause 280 debated and agreed to.

Clause 281 agreed to.

Clause 282, after debate, amended on the motion of Mr. Tudor, by the insertion after the word "board" in line 3, page 71, of the following words:—"and after having the amount of his fare (if he has paid it) returned or tendered to him."

Clause, as amended, debated and agreed to.

Clause 283 agreed to.

Clause 284 debated and agreed to.

Clause 285, after debate, amended, on the motion of Mr. Tudor, by the omission of the proviso.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 286—

Mr. Tudor moved an amendment, That the words of the clause on page 71, and on page 72 up to and inclusive of the words "Provided further that", in line 5, be omitted from the clause.

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

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twelve 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. Deakin, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Finlayson, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Frazer, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Hans Irvine\*, Mr. W. H. Irvine, Mr. Jensen, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McDougall, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Ryrie, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Spence, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Wynne.

\* On leave.

WALTER A. GALE,  
Clerk Assistant,  
for Clerk of House of Representatives.