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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 71.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD 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. REFERENDUM (CONSTITUTION ALTERATION) BILL (1912) (No. 2).—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 4 further considered.

Debate resumed on the amendment moved by Sir John Quick, viz.:—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”.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 20.		Noes, 31.		
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. W. Elliot Johnson	Mr. Anstey	Mr. Mathews	
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Bamford	Mr. McDougall	
Mr. Chapman	Sir John Quick	Mr. Bennett	Mr. Parker Moloney	
Mr. Deakin	Mr. Salmon	Mr. Brennan	Mr. O’Malley	
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Sampson	Mr. Brown	Mr. Ozanne	
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Sinclair	Mr. Cann	Mr. Page	
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Bruce Smith	Mr. Carr	Mr. Roberts	
Mr. Glynn		Mr. Catts	Mr. Laird Smith	
Mr. Groom	<i>Tellers.</i>		Mr. Spence	
Mr. Hedges	Mr. Greene	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Thomas	
Mr. W. H. Irvine	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Tudor	
		Mr. Fisher	Mr. West	
		Mr. Frank J. Foster		
		Mr. Frazer		
		Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>	
		Mr. Jensen	Mr. Riley	
		Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Watkins	

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 5 agreed to.

Clause 6 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 7 and 8 agreed to.

Clause 9 debated and agreed to.

Clause 10 agreed to.

Clause 11 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 12 to 15 agreed to.

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Clause 16 debated—

Mr. Sinclair moved an amendment, That after the word "has" in line 10, page 6, the words "within three months of the date of taking any referendum" be inserted.

Debate ensued.

Amendment agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 17 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. O'Malley, by leave, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

3. QUARANTINE BILL (1912).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—

Mr. Tudor moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3 debated and agreed to.

Clause 4 agreed to.

Clause 5 debated and agreed to.

Clause 6 agreed to.

Clause 7 debated and agreed to.

Clause 8 agreed to.

Clause 9 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 10 to 22 agreed to.

Clause 23 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 24 to 27 agreed to.

Clause 28 debated and agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Tudor, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS APPROPRIATION 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. 20.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for Invalid and Old-age Pensions.

Melbourne, 22nd October, 1912.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the remaining Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

6. COMMONWEALTH WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION BILL.—Mr. Fisher moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to Compensation to Workmen employed in the service of the Commonwealth for Injuries suffered in the course of their Employment.

Question—put and passed.

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 to-morrow.

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

And then the House, at eighteen minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Cook, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Higgs, Mr. Hans Irvine, Mr. W. J. Johnson, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Ryrie, and Mr. Thomson.

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