THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 75.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 30TH 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. COMMONWEALTH WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION 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 agreed to. Clause 3 debated---Mr. Cook moved an amendment, That the words ", adopted child " be inserted after the word " half-

sister" in line 21.

Amendment agreed to.

Clause, as amended, debated.

Mr. Brown moved a further amendment, That the word ", mother-in-law" be inserted after the words "adopted child" previously inserted after the word "half-sister" in line 21.

Further amendment agreed to.

Clause, as further amended, debated.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 4 debated-

Mr. West moved an amendment, That paragraph (a) be omitted from sub-clause (2.).

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Debate on clause continued.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 5 to 11 agreed to.

First Schedule-

Mr. Catts moved an amendment, That the words "fifty per centum" be omitted from the second line of sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (1.).

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived. Debate on Schedule continued.

Mr. Catts moved an amendment, That the words "such weekly payment not to exceed Thirty shillings" be omitted from the fifth and sixth lines of sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (1.). Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Fisher moved an amendment, That the word "Thirty" be omitted from the last line of subparagraph (b) of paragraph (1.) and that the word "Forty" be inserted in place thereof. Amendment agreed to.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Second Schedule debated and agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

Ordered -- That the consideration of the Report be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow. **F.7186**.

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The House resumed ; Mr. Fowler reported accordingly.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL .-- ASSENT TO SUGAR BOUNTY 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. 22. A Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sugar Bounty Act 1905-1910'," 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. Government House, Melbourne, 29th October, 1912. 4. PAPER.-Mr. O'Malley presented, pursuant to Statute-Lands Acquisition Act-Land acquired under, at Sydney, New South Wales-For Commonwealth Bank purposes. 5. COPYRIGHT BILL (1912).-The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading-Mr. Hughes 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 to 7 agreed to. Clause 8 debated and agreed to. Clause 9 agreed to. Clause 10 debated and agreed to. · 1, 1 Clause 11 debated and agreed to. Clause 12 agreed to. Clause 13 debated and agreed to. Clause 14 debated and agreed to. Clauses 15 to 20 agreed to. Clause 21 debated and agreed to. Clauses 22 to 25 agreed to. Clause 26 debated and agreed to. Clauses 27 to 37 agreed to. Clause 38 debated and agreed to. Clause 39 agreed to. Clause 40 debated. Mr. Groom moved an amendment, That the words "a copy" be omitted from line 38 with a view to the insertion of the words "two copies" in place thereof. Debate ensued. Amendment negatived. Clause agreed to. Clause 41-Mr. Hughes moved an amendment that the following words be added to the clause :--, "or to affect the power of the Parliament of a State to make laws requiring or relating to such delivery. Debate ensued. Amendment agreed to. Clause, as amended, agreed to. Clause 42 agreed to. Schedule agreed to. Title agreed to. Bill to be reported with an amendment. The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly. Mr. Page moved that the Bill be now recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 40. Question-put. The House divided-Ayes, 24. Noes, 21. Mr. Atkinson Mr. Howe Mr. Page Mr. Archibald Mr. Bennett Mr. Riley Mr. Roberts Mr. Brown Mr. Chapman Mr. Palmer Mr. Brennan Mr. Laird Smith Sir John Quick Mr. Ryrie Mr. Cook Mr. Cann Mr. Thomas Sir John Forrest Mr. R. W. Foster Mr. Fuller Mr. Charlton Mr. Watkins Mr. Webster Mr. Sampson Mr. Fenton Mr. Bruce Smith Mr. Fisher Mr. West Mr. Glynn Mr. Spence Mr. Frank J. Foster Mr. Gordon Mr. Hughes Mr. W. J. Johnson Mr. Wise Mr. Greene Tellers. Mr. Groom Tellers. Mr. Parker Moloney Mr. Mathews

Mr. W. Elliot Johnson Mr. Thomson Mr. Hedges Mr. Higgs

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

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(In the Committee.)

Recommitted clause 40---

Debate ensued.

Mr. Greene moved an amendment that the words "a copy" be omitted from line 38 with a view to the insertion of the words "two copies" in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn. Bill to be reported without further amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly. On the motion of Mr. Hughes, by leave, the House adopted the Reports, and the third reading was made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS BILL (1912).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for Invalid and Old-age Pensions," to which it has agreed without amendment. Message No. 26.

The Senate, Melbourne, 30th October, 1912. H. TURLEY, President.

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

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Anstey, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Frazer, Mr. Hans Irvine, Mr. Livingston, and Sir William Lyne.

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

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