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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 82.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH NOVEMBER, 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. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (CORPORATIONS) BILL.—Mr. Fisher, for Mr. Hughes, moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to alter Paragraph (xx.) of Section Fifty-one of the Constitution.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Fisher, for Mr. Hughes, 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.
3. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (INDUSTRIAL MATTERS) BILL.—Mr. Fisher, for Mr. Hughes, moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to alter Paragraph (xxxv.) of Section Fifty-one of the Constitution.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Fisher, for Mr. Hughes, 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.
4. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (RAILWAY DISPUTES) BILL.—Mr. Fisher, for Mr. Hughes, moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to alter the Constitution by empowering the Parliament to make Laws with respect to Industrial Disputes in relation to Employment in State Railway Services.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Fisher, for Mr. Hughes, 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.
5. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (TRUSTS) BILL.—Mr. Fisher, for Mr. Hughes, moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to alter the Constitution by empowering the Parliament to make Laws with respect to Trusts, Combinations, and Monopolies.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Fisher, for Mr. Hughes, 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, by leave—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

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6. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (NATIONALIZATION OF MONOPOLIES) BILL.—Mr. Fisher, for Mr. Hughes, moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to alter the Constitution by empowering the Parliament to make Laws with respect to Industries and Businesses declared to be the subject of a Monopoly.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Fisher, for Mr. Hughes, 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. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Ordered—That Notice of Motion, Government Business, No. 6, be postponed until to-morrow.
8. BEER EXCISE BILL (1912.)—Mr. Tudor moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Beer Excise Act 1901*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Tudor 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.
9. SUPPLY [ESTIMATES, 1912-13].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

ESTIMATES, 1912-13.

Division No. 31 further debated.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered, after debate—That Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 2, be postponed until to-morrow.
11. SUPPLY [ESTIMATES, 1912-13].—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

ESTIMATES, 1912-13.

Division No. 31 further debated—

Subdivision No. 1 agreed to.

Subdivision No. 2 debated—

And the Committee continuing to sit till after midnight—

THURSDAY, 14TH NOVEMBER, 1912.

Division No. 31—

Subdivision No. 2 further debated—

Objection to Chairman's Ruling.—The Chairman having ruled, That the time occupied in ringing the Bells—when attention was, on several occasions, drawn to the absence of a quorum during the speech of the honorable Member for Wentworth—should, under Standing Order 257A, be included in the time limit allowed for the honorable Member's speech—

Mr. Kelly took objection in writing to the Ruling.

Question—That the Chairman's Ruling be disagreed to—proposed to the Committee.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 21.

Noes, 30.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. W. Elliot Johnson
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Cook	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Deakin	Mr. Salmon
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Sinclair
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Bruce Smith
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Thomson
Mr. Glynn	
Mr. Gordon	
Mr. Groom	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Harper	Mr. Greene
Mr. W. H. Irvine	Mr. Kelly

Mr. Archibald	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Bamford	Mr. McDougall
Mr. Bennett	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Ozanne
Mr. Brown	Mr. Page
Mr. Cann	Mr. Riley
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Spence
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Webster
Mr. Frank J. Foster	Mr. West
Mr. Frazer	Mr. Wise
Mr. Howe	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mahon	Mr. Parker Moloney
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Subdivision No. 2 further debated—

Mr. Kelly moved an amendment, That the amount in Item 2, "Immigration Restriction Act—Interpreters' fees, legal and other expenses, £2,000," be reduced by £1.

Debate ensued.

Question of Privilege.—Mr. Cook moved, as a Question of Privilege, That the action of the Chairman of Committees in curtailing the time for luncheon of honorable Members is a breach of the privileges of honorable Members.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

Amendment of Mr. Kelly on Item 2 further debated, and negatived.

Subdivision No. 2 agreed to.

Division No. 32—

Subdivision No. 1 debated—

And the Committee continuing to sit till after midnight—

FRIDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER, 1912.

Division No. 32—

Subdivision No. 1 further debated—

Question of Privilege.—Mr. Cook moved, as a Question of Privilege, That the action of the honorable Member for Hunter in repeatedly calling attention to the want of a quorum under a perfectly proper ruling of the Chairman of Committees on the question of the forming a quorum is a breach of the privileges of honorable Members.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Anstey moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and negatived.

Debate continued.

Motion of Mr. Cook ruled out of order.

Objection to Chairman's Ruling.—Mr. Cook moved, That this Committee dissents from the Chairman's ruling to the effect that the Motion of Privilege moved by the honorable Member for Parramatta is not in order.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

Subdivision No. 1 further debated and agreed to.

Subdivision No. 2 agreed to.

Divisions Nos. 33 to 37 agreed to.

Divisions Nos. 38 to 62 postponed.

Divisions Nos. 63 to 83 agreed to.

Division No. 84 debated and agreed to.

Divisions Nos. 85 to 96 (collectively) agreed to.

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.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Carr, Mr. Catts, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Hans Irvine, Mr. W. J. Johnson, Sir John Quick, and Mr. Ryrie.

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