

1912.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 97.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 10TH DECEMBER, 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. PAPER.—Mr. Roberts presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Defence Act—Military Forces—Regulation No. 106A Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1912, No. 226.
3. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (NATIONALIZATION OF MONOPOLIES) BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—  
Debate resumed—
4. DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.—On the motion of Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Deakin, the late Governor of New Zealand (Lord Islington) was provided with a seat on the floor of the House.
5. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (NATIONALIZATION OF MONOPOLIES) BILL.—The debate (interrupted as above) on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time, was resumed.  
Question—put.  
The House divided—

Ayes, 41.

Mr. Archibald	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Bamford	Mr. McDougall
Mr. Bennett	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Brennan	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Brown	Mr. Ozanne
Mr. Cann	Mr. Page
Mr. Carr	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Catts	Mr. Riley
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Spence
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Frank J. Foster	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Frazer	Mr. Webster
Mr. Higgs	Mr. West
Mr. Howe	Mr. Wise
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Jensen	
Mr. W. J. Johnson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mahon	Mr. Anstey
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Watkins

Noes, 26.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Kelly
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Chapman	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Cook	Sir John Quick
Mr. Deakin	Mr. Ryrie
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Salmon
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Thomson
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Wynne
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Harper	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hedges	Mr. Greene
Mr. W. H. Irvine	Mr. W. Elliot Johnson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative by an absolute majority of the Members of the House.—  
Bill read a second time.  
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

10th December, 1912.

*(In the Committee.)*

Clauses 1 and 2 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. Hughes, the House adopted the Report.  
 Mr. Hughes moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a third time.  
 Question—put.  
 The House divided—

Ayes, 41.

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative by an absolute majority of the Members of the House.—  
 Bill read a third time.

## 6. PAPERS.—Mr. O'Malley presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Railways—Uniform Gauge—Interim Report by the Conference of Railway Engineers (dated 7th December, 1912).

Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.

Mr. Fisher presented, pursuant to Statute—

Telegraphs and Telephones Special Works Account Act 1911—Schedule of Transfers of Amounts approved by the Governor-General in Council (dated 4th December, 1912.)

## 7. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—INTER-STATE COMMISSION BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

DENMAN,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 34.*

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 relating to the Inter-State Commission.

Government House,  
 Melbourne, 5th December, 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.

## 8. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—JUDICIARY 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. 35.*

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 amend the *Judiciary Act 1903-1910.*

Government House,  
 Melbourne, 5th December, 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.

10th December, 1912.

9. ELECTORAL DIVISIONS OF NEW SOUTH WALES—PROPOSED REDISTRIBUTION.—Mr. O'Malley moved, pursuant to notice, That the House of Representatives approves of the fresh distribution of the State of New South Wales into Electoral Divisions as proposed by Messrs. F. Poate, H. Langwell, and J. G. McLaren, the Commissioners for the purpose of distributing the said State into Divisions, in their Report laid before Parliament on the 28th day of November, 1912.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 26.

Noes, 32.

Sir Robert Best	Mr. W. H. Irvine	Mr. Anstey	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Brown	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Archibald	Mr. McDougall
Mr. Chapman	Mr. Livingston	Mr. Bennett	Mr. Parker Moloney
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		Mr. Mahon	Mr. Finlayson
		Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Watkins

And so it was negatived.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—LOAN BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 33.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to authorize the raising and expending of the sum of Five hundred and twenty-nine thousand five hundred and twenty-six pounds for the acquisition for Commonwealth purposes of property in Perth, Western Australia, and expenses incidental thereto; and to redeem loans raised by the Government of South Australia on account of the Northern Territory and the Port Augusta Railway*" to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 10th December, 1912.

H. TURLEY,  
President.

11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 6 inclusive be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 8.
12. BILLS OF EXCHANGE 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.  
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.)

Clause 1 agreed to.  
Clause 2 debated and agreed to.  
Title agreed to.  
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Mr. Hughes, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was, by leave, read a third time.

13. IMMIGRATION BILL (1912).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—  
Mr. Thomas 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.

10th December, 1912.

*(In the Committee.)*

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3 debated and agreed to.

Clause 4—

On the motion of Mr. Thomas the following amendment was made :—

Page 3, lines 43 to 45, omit paragraph (5).

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 5 to 8 agreed to.

Clause 9 debated and agreed to.

Clause 10 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Thomas, by leave, the House adopted the Report, and the third reading was made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seventeen minutes to eleven 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. R. Edwards\*, Sir John Forrest, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Hans Irvine\*, Sir William Lyne,  
Mr. McWilliams, and Mr. Bruce Smith.

\* On leave.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,  
*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*