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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 99.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 12TH 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. PAPERS.—Mr. Thomas presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Papua—Annual Report, year ended 30th June, 1912.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.  
Mr. O'Malley presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Public Service Act—Department of Home Affairs—Promotion of W. G. Chapman, to new position of Clerk, 4th Class, Public Works Branch, New South Wales.
3. SUPPLY ["GRIEVANCE DAY"].—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—  
Question proposed—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and negatived.  
Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.
4. INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS BILL (1912).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Fisher 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.)*

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2—

On the motion of Mr. Brown, after debate, the following amendments were made:—

Line 17, omit "or", and after "grand-daughter" add "or legally adopted son or daughter".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 3, 4, 5 agreed to.

Clause 6—

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

Line 24, after "practitioner" add "or where medical testimony conflicts the Commissioner shall have power to decide the application".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 7 debated and agreed to.

Clause 8 agreed to.

Clause 9 debated and agreed to.

Clause 10 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 11, 12, 13 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

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

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5. PAPER.—Mr. Fisher presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Sugar Industry—Further telegrams (dated 6th and 11th December, 1912) between the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth and the Premier of Queensland.  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
6. JUDICIARY 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.)

Clause 1 read.  
Progress to be reported and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.  
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the remaining Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
8. SUGAR EXCISE REPEAL BILL.—Mr. Tudor moved, pursuant to notice, *amended*, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to repeal the Excise Duty on Sugar.  
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. SUGAR BOUNTY ABOLITION BILL.—Mr. Tudor moved, pursuant to notice, *amended*, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to repeal the *Sugar Bounty Act* 1905–1912.  
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.
- 10 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—NAVIGATION BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 35.

The Senate has considered Message No. 38 of the House of Representatives in reference to the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Navigation and Shipping*," and acquaints the House of Representatives that the Senate has agreed to the Amendment made by the House to the Amendment of the Senate on Amendment No. 128 of the House of Representatives in the Bill.

H. TURLEY,  
President.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 12th December, 1912.

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

And then the House, at two 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. Frazer, Mr. Hans Irvine\*, and Sir William Lyne.

\* On leave.

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