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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 102.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MONDAY, 16TH DECEMBER, 1912.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until half-past ten o'clock a.m. to-morrow.
Question—put and passed.
3. LAND TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1912).—Mr. Fisher moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Land Tax Assessment Act 1910-1911*.
Question—put and passed.
4. REFERENDUM (CONSTITUTION ALTERATION) BILL (1912) (No. 2).—Mr. O'Malley moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act 1906-1910*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. O'Malley 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.
5. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS, WHEN NECESSARY.—Mr. Fisher moved, pursuant to notice, That, for the rest of the Session, when necessary, the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the remaining stages of any Bills, after their second reading, to be taken without delay, and fresh business to be taken after eleven o'clock p.m.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
6. INTER-STATE COMMISSION 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.)

Postponed clause 16 debated and agreed to.

Postponed clause 17 debated—

Mr. Kelly moved the following amendment:—

After paragraph (b) insert the following new paragraph—

“(ba) the locking of such rivers;”

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Postponed clause 23 agreed to.

Postponed clause 24 debated and agreed to.

Postponed clause 32 agreed to.

Postponed clause 53 agreed to.

Postponed clause 54 debated—

On the motion of Mr. Deakin, the following amendment was made:—Line 40, omit “whether”, insert “when”.

On the motion of Mr. Wynne, after debate, the following further amendment was made:—Lines 40-41, omit “or by being left at his usual place of abode”.

Mr. Fuller moved a further amendment, viz.:—Line 40, after “personally” insert “with conduct money”.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

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New Clause—

On the motion of Mr. Hughes, the following new clause was added to the Bill :—

“ 26A. The Commission may of its own motion summon before it any State authority, common carrier, or person who it has reason to believe has done anything or left anything undone in contravention of this Act, or of the provisions of the Constitution relating to trade and commerce or any law made thereunder, and shall have jurisdiction to hear and determine the matter, and may make such orders in relation thereto as if complaint had been made to it of the contravention.”

Jurisdiction
without
complaint.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Hughes (the Standing Orders having been suspended, p. 289), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

7. REFERENDUM (CONSTITUTION ALTERATION) BILL (1912) (No. 2).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. O'Malley 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 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. O'Malley, the House adopted the Report, and the third reading was made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

8. POST AND TELEGRAPH BILL (1912).—Mr. Frazer moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Post and Telegraph Act 1901-1910*.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Frazer 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.

Mr. Frazer moved, by leave, 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.)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Frazer, the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having been suspended, p. 289), the Bill was read a third time.

9. LAND TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1912).—Mr. Fisher, pursuant to leave given this day, brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Land Tax Assessment Act 1910-1911, ’*” 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. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-five 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. Brennan Mr. Carr, Mr. Catts, Mr. Chapman, Mr. R. Edwards*, Sir John Forrest, Mr. Frank J. Foster, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Groom, Mr. Hedges, Mr. Hans Irvine*, Mr. Jensen, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Page, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Webster.

* On leave.

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