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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 57.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 19TH NOVEMBER, 1913.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Department of the Treasury—  
Lady Bowen Hospital (Brisbane) and Maternity Allowances—Correspondence *re*.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.  
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Department of Trade and Customs—Regulations—  
Seamen's Compensation Act—Statutory Rules 1913, No. 279.  
Wood Pulp and Rock Phosphate Bounties Act—Statutory Rules 1913, No. 278.
3. COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Sir John Forrest 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—

On the motion of Sir John Forrest the following amendment was made, after debate :—

Line 9, omit "or otherwise".

On the motion of Mr. Bruce Smith the following further amendment was made, after debate :—

Line 9, omit "session" and insert "term of the Parliament".

On the motion of Sir John Forrest the following further amendment was made :—

Lines 10 to 15, omit all the words from and inclusive of "and thence until" to the end of the clause.

On the motion of Sir John Forrest, the following further amendment was made, after debate :—At end of clause add—

"If any member of such Committee should for any cause cease to be a member of the Committee the House of Representatives may appoint another member in his place."

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 3 and 4 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr. Fowler reported accordingly.

Mr. Joseph Cook moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Sir John Forrest the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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4. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Department of Trade and Customs—  
Quarantine—Report of the Commonwealth and States of Australia Quarantine Conference, 1913.  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at three minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Abbott, Mr. Boyd, Mr. Carr, Mr. Conroy, Mr. McGrath (under suspension), and Mr. Sharpe.

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