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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 68.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH DECEMBER, 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. OPPOSED BUSINESS AFTER ELEVEN O'CLOCK AT NIGHT.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, by leave, That Standing Order No. 70 be suspended for the remainder of the Session as far as regards Government Business.
Question—put and passed.
3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—POSTAL VOTING RESTORATION BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 20.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for an "*An Act to restore the provisions of the 'Commonwealth Electoral Act 1902-1909' with respect to Voting by Post,*" to which it has agreed with the amendments indicated in the annexed Schedule, including amendments in the Title, in which amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 9th December, 1913.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Department of Home Affairs—

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at—

- Cape Pallarenda, near Townsville, Queensland—For Quarantine purposes.
- Queanbeyan, Federal Territory—For Federal Capital purposes.
- Weetangera, Federal Territory—For Federal Capital purposes.

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5. AUSTRALIAN NOTES BILL (1913).—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.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 27.		Noes, 26.	
Mr. Abbott	Mr. Manifold	Mr. Archibald	Mr. Poynton
Mr. James Bennett	Mr. Palmer	Mr. Arthur	Mr. Riley
Mr. Conroy	Mr. Patten	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Sharpe
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Pigott	Mr. Dankel	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Falkiner	Mr. Rodgers	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Spence
Mr. Fleming	Colonel Ryrie	Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Thomas
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Sampson	Mr. Fisher	Mr. Tudor
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Bruce Smith	Mr. Hannan	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Stumm	Mr. Higgs	Mr. Webster
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Wynne	Mr. Howe	Mr. West
Mr. Gregory		Mr. W. Maloney	
Mr. Groom		Mr. Mathews	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hans Irvine	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Charlton
Mr. W. H. Irvine	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. O'Malley	Mr. Page
Mr. Kendell	Mr. Greene		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—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.

Clause 3—

Mr. Charlton moved the following amendment:—Omit all words after the word “issued” in line 16 to the end of the clause.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 28.		Noes, 23.	
Mr. Abbott	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Archibald	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Orchard	Mr. Arthur	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. James Bennett	Mr. Palmer	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Spence
Mr. Conroy	Mr. Patten	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Pigott	Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Rodgers	Mr. Fisher	Mr. Watkins
Sir John Forrest	Colonel Ryrie	Mr. Hannan	Mr. Webster
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Sampson	Mr. Howe	Mr. West
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Bruce Smith	Mr. Jensen	
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Stumm	Mr. W. Maloney	
Mr. Groom	Mr. Wynne	Mr. Mathews	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hans Irvine		Mr. McDonald	Mr. Riley
Mr. W. H. Irvine	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. O'Malley	Mr. Sharpe
Mr. Kendell	Mr. Greene		
Mr. Manifold	Mr. John Thomson		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 4 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Fowler reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir John Forrest, the House adopted the Report.

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

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Sir John Forrest, the Bill was read a third time.

6. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Postmaster-General's Department.—Third Annual Report, 1912-13.

Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.

7. POST AND TELEGRAPH BILL (1913).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Wynne moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Thomas addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
8. PINE CREEK TO KATHERINE RIVER RAILWAY BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 25—
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Glynn—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the Construction of a Railway in the Northern Territory from Pine Creek to the Katherine River, the Appointment of Officers, the Making of Charges, and the Appropriation of Money in connexion with such Railway.
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Fowler reported accordingly.
Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.
And, on the motion of Mr. Glynn, the said resolution was adopted by the House.

9. PINE CREEK TO KATHERINE RIVER RAILWAY BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Glynn 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.*)

Clauses 1 to 16 agreed to.
Title agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. John Thomson reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Glynn, the House adopted the Report.
Mr. Joseph Cook moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stage to be passed without delay.
Question—put and passed.
On the motion of Mr. Glynn, the Bill was read a third time.

10. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until half-past ten o'clock a.m. to-morrow.
Question—put and passed.
11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twelve minutes to twelve o'clock, midnight, 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. Ahern, Mr. Burchell, Mr. Burns, Mr. Carr, Mr. Catts, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Livingston, Mr. McGrath (under suspension), and Mr. Sinclair.

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