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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH MAY, 1914.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Catts rose in his place and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The intolerable position in which the Government has placed the House in regard to the Tariff question."
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—
Mr. Catts moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 119, and the Orders of the Day were called on.
3. GOVERNMENT PREFERENCE PROHIBITION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. W. H. Irvine :—That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to prohibit, in relation to Commonwealth employment, preferences and discriminations on account of membership or non-membership of an association—
Point of Order.—Mr. Webster claiming that his motion to disagree with Mr. Speaker's ruling, which stood on the Notice Paper, prior to the Orders of the Day, should have been called on, and Mr. Speaker having ruled that under Standing Order No. 119 the Orders of the Day had been properly called on—
Mr. McDonald gave notice, in writing, of the following objection to the ruling :—"That the ruling of Mr. Speaker that a motion by the honorable Member for Gwydir standing first on the business paper for to-day, dissenting from Mr. Speaker's ruling on an amendment moved by the honorable Member for Bourke, be dissented from."
The debate thereon was forthwith adjourned until the next sitting day.
Debate on main question—
Mr. McDonald moved the following amendment—After the word ' That ' insert :—" in order to legislate effectively on the question of preference to unionists in Government employment a Committee be appointed to inquire into the question and if it appears desirable to prepare and introduce a Bill relating thereto".
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Debate continued.

- *Presence of Strangers.*—The honorable Member for Henty (Mr. Boyd) having taken notice that strangers were present—

Question—That strangers be ordered to withdraw—put and negatived.

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted in the original motion, after the word "That" be so inserted—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Archibald	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Arthur	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Page
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riley
Mr. Burchell	Mr. Sharpe
Mr. Burns	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Carr	Mr. Spence
Mr. Catts	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Webster
Mr. Fisher	Mr. West
Mr. Hannan	Mr. Yates
Mr. Higgs	
Mr. Howe	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Charlton
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Watkins

Noes, 32.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. Kendall
Mr. Ahern	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Manifold
Mr. James Bennett	Mr. Orchard
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Patten
Mr. Conroy	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Falkiner	Colonel Ryrie
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Sampson
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Bruce Smith
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Stumm
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Hans Irvine	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. W. H. Irvine	Mr. Greene
Mr. Kelly	Mr. John Thomson

The number for the "Ayes" and the "Noes" being equal, Mr. Speaker gave his casting vote with the "Noes."

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Brennan moved the following amendment:—After the word "That" insert:—"it is expedient that a Bill be introduced to prohibit in relation to Commonwealth employment preference to members of any industrial organization not registered under the laws of the Commonwealth."

Debate ensued.

Mr. Boyd moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Ahern	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Orchard
Mr. James Bennett	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Patten
Mr. Conroy	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Falkiner	Colonel Ryrie
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Sampson
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Bruce Smith
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Stumm
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Wynne
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Hans Irvine	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. W. H. Irvine	Mr. Greene
Mr. Kelly	Mr. John Thomson
Mr. Kendall	

Noes, 31.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Archibald	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Arthur	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Burchell	Mr. Riley
Mr. Burns	Mr. Sharpe
Mr. Carr	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Catts	Mr. Spence
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. West
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Yates
Mr. Hannan	
Mr. Higgs	
Mr. Howe	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hughes	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Page

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question, being accordingly put—That, after the word "That" the following words be inserted, "it is expedient that a Bill be introduced to prohibit in relation to Commonwealth employment preference to members of any industrial organization not registered under the laws of the Commonwealth."

The House divided—

Ayes, 31.		Noes, 33.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Abbott	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Archibald	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Ahern	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Arthur	Mr. O'Malley	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Orchard
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Poynton	Mr. James Bennett	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Burchell	Mr. Riley	Mr. Boyd	Mr. Patten
Mr. Burns	Mr. Sharpe	Mr. Conroy	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Carr	Mr. Laird Smith	Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Catts	Mr. Spence	Mr. Falkiner	Colonel Ryrie
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Thomas	Mr. Fleming	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Tudor	Sir John Forrest	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. West	Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Bruce Smith
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Yates	Mr. Fowler	Mr. Stumm
Mr. Hannan		Mr. Gregory	Mr. Wynne
Mr. Higgs		Mr. Groom	
Mr. Howe	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Hans Irvine	
Mr. Hughes	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. W. H. Irvine	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Page	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Greene
		Mr. Kendell	Mr. John Thomson

And so it was negatived.

And the main question being then put—That he [Mr. W. H. Irvine] have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to prohibit, in relation to Commonwealth employment, preferences and discriminations on account of membership or non-membership of an association—

The House divided—

Ayes, 33.		Noes, 33.	
Mr. Abbott	Mr. Livingston	Mr. Anstey	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Ahern	Mr. Manifold	Mr. Archibald	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Orchard	Mr. Arthur	Mr. Poynton
Mr. James Bennett	Mr. Palmer	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riley
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Patten	Mr. Burchell	Mr. Sharpe
Mr. Conroy	Mr. Pigott	Mr. Burns	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Rodgers	Mr. Carr	Mr. Spence
Mr. Falkiner	Colonel Ryrie	Mr. Catts	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Sampson	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Tudor
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Sinclair	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Watkins
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Bruce Smith	Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Webster
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Stumm	Mr. Fisher	Mr. West
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Wynne	Mr. Hannan	Mr. Yates
Mr. Groom		Mr. Higgs	
Mr. Hans Irvine		Mr. Howe	
Mr. W. H. Irvine	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Kelly	Mr. Greene	Mr. Mathews	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Kendell	Mr. John Thomson	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Page

The number for the "Ayes" and the "Noes" being equal, Mr. Speaker gave his casting vote with the "Ayes."

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Points of Order.—Objections having been raised that, although the Closure on the amendment had been agreed to, the main question should have remained open to debate—

Mr. Speaker ruled that the Closure having been carried in regard to an amendment, it was in order, without any further Closure motion, to bring to a decision any question already proposed from the Chair.

Mr. Catts gave notice, in writing, of the following objection to the ruling:—That the House dissents from Mr. Speaker's ruling that the motion of the Attorney-General "For leave &c." be put, upon the closure being moved by the honorable Member for Henty upon an amendment moved by the honorable Member for Batman.

The debate thereon was forthwith adjourned till the next sitting day.

Mr. W. H. Irvine then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put.

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The House divided—

Ayes, 34.		Noes, 34.	
Mr. Abbott	Mr. Livingston	Mr. Anstey	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Ahern	Mr. Manifold	Mr. Archibald	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Arthur	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. James Bennett	Mr. Orchard	Mr. Bamford	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Palmer	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riley
Mr. Conroy	Mr. Patten	Mr. Burns	Mr. Sharpe
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Pigott	Mr. Carr	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Falkiner	Mr. Rodgers	Mr. Catts	Mr. Spence
Mr. Fleming	Colonel Ryrie	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Thomas
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Sampson	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Tudor
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Sinclair	Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Bruce Smith	Mr. Fisher	Mr. Webster
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Stumm	Mr. Hannan	Mr. West
Mr. Groom	Mr. Wynne	Mr. Higgs	Mr. Yates
Mr. Hans Irvine		Mr. Howe	
Mr. W. H. Irvine	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Kelly	Mr. Greene	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Burchell
Mr. Kendell	Mr. John Thomson	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Page

The number for the "Ayes" and the "Noes" being equal, Mr. Speaker gave his casting vote with the "Ayes."

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. W. H. Irvine moved, That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

4. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS IN REPLY.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Address in Reply would be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General at ten minutes to one o'clock this day, in the Parliamentary Library, and asked that as many Members as could do so would accompany him on the occasion.

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

Department of the Treasury—

Audit Act—Transfers of amounts approved by the Governor-General in Council—Financial year 1913-14 (dated 30th April, 1914 (two)).

Department of Home Affairs—

Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta Railway Act—Passenger fares during construction of railway.

6. TIME OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until three o'clock p.m. this day.

Debate ensued.

Point of Order.—Mr. Higgs raised an objection that the motion was not in order.

Mr. Speaker ruled that, as the hour at which the House should have met for its sitting this day was already passed, the motion could not be moved except by leave.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fifty-three minutes past eleven o'clock in the morning 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. Dankel, Mr. Jensen, and Mr. Mahon.

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