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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 97.**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH OCTOBER, 1920.

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 Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Distillation Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1920, No. 184.
Excise Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1920, No. 183.
3. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—WOOLLEN CLOTH FACTORY, GEELONG—EXTENSION OF.—Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1914*, the following works be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for their report thereon, viz. :—Extension to buildings and equipment of the Commonwealth Woollen Cloth Factory at Geelong, Victoria.
Mr. Groom having laid upon the Table plans, &c., in connexion with the proposed works—
Debate ensued.
Mr. Charlton moved, as an amendment, That the words "or erection of buildings at Canberra, New South Wales", be added to the motion.
Debate continued.
Mr. Robert Cook moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered, That the consideration of Notices of Motion Nos. 2 and 3, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
5. CUSTOMS BILL (1920).—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—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.
- Clause 3 debated and agreed to.
- Clause 4—
- Clause amended, on the motion of Mr. Greene, by the insertion of the words "above or" before the word "below" (line 8 of page 2).

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Mr. Greene moved, as a further amendment, That the words "by reason of the bank rate of exchange of that country being below the mint par rate of exchange" be inserted after the word "Act," (line 34 of page 2).

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause further amended, on the motion of Mr. Greene, after debate, by the omission of the words "this section" (line 15 of page 3) and the insertion of the words "the last four preceding sections" in place thereof and by the addition of the following at the end of the clause:—

"157F. Any direction issued by the Minister in pursuance of section one hundred and fifty-seven B, one hundred and fifty-seven C, or one hundred and fifty-seven D of the Act shall—

Directions to be gazetted and tabled in Parliament.

(a) be published in the *Gazette* ;

(b) take effect from the date of publication or from a date specified in the direction ; and

(c) be laid before both Houses of the Parliament within seven days after the date of publication or, if the Parliament is not then sitting, then within seven days after the next meeting of the Parliament ;

but if either House of the Parliament passes a resolution, of which notice has been given at any time within fifteen sitting days after the direction has been laid before that House, disallowing the direction, the direction shall thereupon cease to have effect."

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Mr. Greene 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 Mr. Greene, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered, That Order of the Day No. 2 be postponed until after Orders of the Day Nos. 3 and 4, Government Business.

7. QUARANTINE BILL (1920).—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole House on this Bill—

Mr. Greene moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clause 22.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Recommitted clause 22—

Mr. Greene moved, as an amendment, that the following words be added to the clause:—

“; and

(c) by adding at the end of sub-section (2.) thereof the following proviso:—

‘Provided that the Governor-General may direct that, as regards any vessel trading exclusively between Australian ports or Australia and New Zealand or Fiji, or other places adjacent to Australia, the expenses of carrying out any responsibility under this section shall be borne by the Commonwealth, and, upon the issue of such direction, the master, owner and agent of any vessel to which the direction relates shall be exempt from liability for the expenses of carrying out that responsibility.’”

Debate ensued.

Mr. James Page moved, as an amendment upon the amendment, That the proposed amendment be amended by the addition of the following words at the end thereof:—

“ Provided further that the Governor-General may direct that the expenses of overland passengers arising out of quarantine regulations may be borne by the Commonwealth.”

Debate continued.

Amendment upon amendment agreed to.

Amendment, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be further reported with an amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Mr. Greene 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 Mr. Greene, the House adopted the Reports, and the Bill was read a third time.

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8. NATIONALITY BILL.—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.

Mr. Brennan 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.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Anstey, Mr. Bayley, Mr. Bowden*, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Austin Chapman, Mr. Considine, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Fenton, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Prowse, Mr. Watt, and Mr. West.

* On leave.

WALTER A. GALE,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.