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**Legislative Council**

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## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER, 1896.

The PRESIDING CHAIRMAN took the chair at half-past 3 o'clock.

APPROPRIATION BILL No. 2.—MUSGRAVE WHARF EXTENSION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

## ROYAL ASSENT.

The PRESIDING CHAIRMAN announced the receipt of messages from the Governor, intimating that the Royal assent had been given to these Bills.

## CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL.

## THIRD READING.

This Bill was read a third time, passed, and ordered to be returned to the Assembly.

## BILLS OF SALE BILL.

## MESSAGE FROM ASSEMBLY.

This Bill was returned from the Assembly with a message intimating their agreement to the Council's amendment in clause 2, and their disagreement to Council's amendment in clause 4, on the ground that such amendment would not confer any advantage on the public commensurate with the expense it would involve, and that, when considered advisable, the change could be made by departmental instructions.

Consideration of the message was made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION ENABLING BILL.

## MESSAGE FROM ASSEMBLY.

This Bill was returned from the Assembly with a message intimating that they agreed to the Council's amendment in clause 14 and in the 1st schedule, but disagreed to the Council's amendments in clauses 2, 16, 17, 20, and 21, and to the proposed new clause to follow clause 16, for the following reasons:—

"Because the inclusion of the Legislative Council in the proposed scheme of voting would involve an entire departure from the main principle of the Bill, which was to provide for the choice of delegates to the Convention by that branch of the legislature which directly represents the electors in the respective divisions of the colony."

Consideration of the message was made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

## MERCANTILE AMENDMENT BILL.

## COMMITTEE.

Clauses 1 to 9, inclusive, passed as printed.

On clause 10—"Registrars of Northern and Central Courts to transmit copies to Supreme Court at Brisbane"—

The HON. C. H. BUZACOTT said it would be seen that he had circulated an amendment on that clause by which it was intended to confer upon the people of Rockhampton and Townsville the same privileges which the amendment made by the House a few days ago in the Bills of Sale Bill conferred. On the assumption that the registration of the Supreme Court was necessary at Rockhampton and Townsville, as well as at Brisbane, the House concluded that the records in each place ought to be equally accurate and complete. That was not provided by the present Bill; it simply provided that entries of records should be sent from Townsville and Rockhampton to Brisbane. He still felt as strongly convinced as ever that the scheme ought to be carried out, and that there would be no appreciable expense involved in carrying it out. They had to-day received a message from the other House intimating its rejection of the amendment in the Bills of Sale Bill. He could not speak about

that now, but they had the fact before them that, on the motion of the Attorney-General, the Lower House had refused to agree to an amendment similar to that which he desired to have inserted in the present Bill, on the grounds that it would involve expense, and that the change, if necessary, could be made by departmental instructions. On that point he would only say now that it would be an act of impropriety, if the thing would be expensive, for the Minister, by instructions or otherwise, to give effect to what the House desired to include in the Bill. However, he was not going to ask the Committee to take a stand on an amendment of that sort; it was too small a matter. There was no sufficient principle involved in the amendment which would induce him to occupy the time of the Committee in discussing it when he believed it would not be accepted by the other House. Having given that explanation, he begged to say that it was not his intention to move the amendment; and he saw nothing else in the Bill which it was necessary to take exception to.

Clause put and passed.

The remaining clauses of the Bill and the schedule were put and passed.

The House resumed; the ACTING CHAIRMAN reported the Bill without amendment, and its third reading was made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

The House adjourned at seven minutes to 4 o'clock.