

"Provided that if in the opinion of the Audit Office the question involves matter of law, then it shall be referred for the opinion of the Attorney-General thereon, and in such case it shall be the duty of the Controller and Auditor-General to act in accordance therewith, but the objections of the Audit Office shall, together with the opinion of the Attorney-General, be forthwith laid before Parliament if then in session, or, if not, then within ten days after the commencement of the next ensuing session." (*Right Hon. Sir J. G. Ward.*)

Amendment proposed, That the words "Attorney-General" after the words "for the opinion of the" be struck out, with the view of inserting the words "Solicitor-General" in lieu thereof (*Mr. Allen.*)

And the question being put, "That the words 'Attorney-General' stand part of the clause," the Committee divided, the names being taken down as follows:—

*Ayes*, 5.—Mr. Fraser, Mr. Graham, Hon. Mr. T. Mackenzie, Mr. Russell, Right Hon. Sir J. G. Ward.

*Noes*, 1.—Mr. Allen.

And it was resolved in the affirmative. Words "Attorney-General" retained.

Clause agreed to.

In clause 10, line 30, the word "only" inserted between "Department" and "such."

Clause 15. Passed as printed.

Clauses 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45. Agreed to.

On clause 46 a division was called on the question, "That the clause be a clause of the Bill."

*Ayes*, 4.—Mr. Graham, Hon. Mr. T. Mackenzie, Mr. Russell, Right Hon. Sir J. G. Ward.

*Noes*, 2.—Mr. Allen, Mr. Fraser

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

On clause 47 a division was taken on the question, "That the clause be a clause of the Bill."

*Ayes*, 4.—Mr. Graham, Hon. Mr. T. Mackenzie, Mr. Russell, Right Hon. Sir J. G. Ward.

*Noes*, 2.—Mr. Allen, Mr. Fraser

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clauses 48, 49, and 50. Agreed to.

Clause 51. Amendment proposed: That between the word "certified" and the word "and," in line 48, the following words be inserted: "and charged against the proper vote or account."

Agreed to, and clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 52. Subsection (3), line 15: Amendment proposed, That the word "vote" be inserted between the words "fund" and "or"

Agreed to.

Clauses 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, and 58. Agreed to.

Clause 59. Amendment proposed, That in line 15 the word "Statement" be struck out, and the word "requisition" be inserted in lieu thereof

Agreed to.

Further amendment, That the word "statement" in lines 16 and 17 be struck out, and the word "requisition" be inserted in lieu thereof

Agreed to.

Clause 60. Amendment proposed, That in line 19 the words "an account" be struck out, and the words "a schedule" be inserted in lieu thereof

Agreed to.

Another amendment proposed, That the word "all" be inserted in line 20, before the word "paid."

Agreed to.

Another amendment proposed, That in line 22 the word "account" be struck out, and schedule" be inserted in lieu thereof

Agreed to.

Clause 61. Amendment proposed, That in line 25, and clause as amended, the word "account" be struck out, and the word "schedule" be inserted in lieu thereof

Agreed to.

Another amendment proposed, That in line 26 the word "account" be struck out, and the word "vouchers" be inserted in lieu thereof

Agreed to.

Another amendment proposed, That in line 27 the word "account" be struck out, and the word "schedule" be inserted in lieu thereof

Agreed to.

Another amendment proposed, That in line 52 the words "account and" be struck out.

Agreed to.

Another amendment proposed, That in line 54 the word "account" be struck out, and the word "schedule" be inserted in lieu thereof

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, and 68. Agreed to.

Clause 69. Amendment proposed, That the word "provided," in line 15, be struck out, and the word "produced" be inserted in lieu thereof

Agreed to.

Clauses 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83. Agreed to.

Clause 84. Amendment proposed, That the words "Solicitor-General" be struck out of subsection (3), and the words "Attorney-General" be inserted in lieu thereof

Agreed to.

Clauses 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91. Agreed to.