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Dictionary Definition of term "Humbug"

What does the word "humbug" mean, but just this very kind of thing?

My right honourable friend is fond of quoting the Oxford Dictionary in giving the precise meaning of words. I have looked up the Oxford Dictionary to see first of all if this word were there, as a word in common use, and next as to the meaning to be assigned to it. Sure enough it is there, and the definition given is "Fraud, sham, deception, nonsense".

Other dictionaries might be quoted. Murray, for example, The New English Dictionary, gives the following as one definition: "A thing which is not really what it pretends to be; an imposture, a deception, fraud, sham." This dictionary even cites, as an example of the use of the word in its application to legislation, the following from words of Lord Randolph Churchill in 1884: "The whole legislation of the government has been a gigantic humbug." Surely it would not be beyond the bounds of parliamentary etiquette to apply the same words with reference to proposals which were intended to be later translated into legislation.

It is rather interesting - though I don't say that this applies in any particular to our parliament, that the same authority a little farther on, in citing wherein the word

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