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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 10.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH JUNE, 1901.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address, in reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General, be agreed to by this House :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, the House of Representatives of The Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, beg to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the gracious Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—*and the amendment*—That the following words be added to the proposed Address :—“We desire, however, to inform Your Excellency that in our opinion the proposals of the Speech regarding the question of what has been termed a White Australia are inadequate, and not in accord with the views of the majority of the Australian people”—

having been read—

Debate resumed.

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 7.

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| Mr. G. B. Edwards, | <i>Tellers.</i>  |
| Mr. Fuller,        | Mr. Joseph Cook, |
| Mr. Kirwan,        | Mr. Wilks.       |
| Mr. Mahon,         |                  |
| Mr. Sydney Smith.  |                  |

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| Mr. Bamford,      | Mr. McCay,         |
| Mr. Barton,       | Mr. McColl,        |
| Mr. Batchelor,    | Mr. McDonald,      |
| Sir Langdon Bony- | Sir Malcolm        |
| thon,             | McEacharn,         |
| Mr. Chanter,      | Mr. A. McLean,     |
| Mr. Chapman,      | Sir William McMil- |
| Mr. Hume Cook,    | lan,               |
| Mr. Winter Cooke, | Mr. O'Malley,      |
| Mr. Deakin,       | Mr. Paterson,      |
| Mr. R. Edwards,   | Mr. Phillips,      |
| Mr. Ewing,        | Mr. Piesse,        |
| Sir John Forrest, | Mr. Poynton,       |
| Mr. Fowler,       | Sir John Quick,    |
| Sir Philip Fysh,  | Mr. Ronald,        |
| Mr. Glynn,        | Mr. V. L. Solomon, |
| Mr. A. C. Groom,  | Mr. Spence,        |
| Mr. Harper,       | Mr. Thomson,       |
| Mr. Higgins,      | Mr. Tudor,         |
| Mr. Hughes,       | Sir George Turner, |
| Mr. Isaacs,       | Mr. Watkins,       |
| Mr. Kennedy,      | Mr. Watson,        |
| Mr. Kingston,     | Mr. Wilkinson.     |
| Mr. Knox,         |                    |
| Sir William Lyne, | <i>Tellers.</i>    |
| Mr. Manifold,     | Mr. Crouch,        |
| Mr. Mauger,       | Mr. W. H. Groom.   |

And so it passed in the negative

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Question—That the following Address, in reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to by this House :—

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We, the House of Representatives of The Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, beg to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the gracious Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General by Mr. Speaker and the Members of the House.

Mr. Barton stated to the House that he would ascertain when it would be the pleasure of His Excellency the Governor-General to receive the Address in Reply to His Excellency's Opening Speech.

3. SUPPLY.—Sir George Turner moved, That the House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. WAYS AND MEANS.—Sir George Turner moved, That the House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

5. DAYS OF BUSINESS.—Mr. Barton moved, pursuant to notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday in each week during the present Session be the days on which this House shall meet for the despatch of business; and that half-past Two o'clock be the hour of meeting on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, and that Two o'clock be the hour of meeting on Friday.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. ORDER OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Mr. Barton moved, pursuant to notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in each week during the present Session Government business shall take precedence of all other business.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. ORDER OF GENERAL BUSINESS.—Mr. Barton moved, pursuant to notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, on Friday in each week during the present Session private Members' business shall take precedence of all other business, and shall be called on in the following order, viz. :—

On one Friday—

Notices of Motion.

Orders of the Day.

On the alternate Friday—

Orders of the Day.

Notices of Motion.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

8. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE.—Mr. Barton moved, pursuant to notice, *as amended*, That Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister, Mr. W. H. Groom, Mr. C. McDonald, Mr. A. McLean, Mr. G. H. Reid, and Mr. V. L. Solomon, be Members of the Standing Orders Committee; five to be the quorum.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

9. LIBRARY COMMITTEE.—Mr. Barton moved, pursuant to notice, That Mr. Speaker, Sir J. Langdon Bonython, Sir Edward Braddon, Mr. I. A. Isaacs, Mr. T. Macdonald-Paterson, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. W. G. Spence be Members of the Library Committee; five to be the quorum.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

10. HOUSE COMMITTEE.—Mr. Barton moved, pursuant to notice, *as amended*, That Mr. Speaker, Mr. A. Fisher, Mr. P. M. Glynn, Sir Malcolm McEacharn, Sir William McMillan, Mr. F. W. Piesse, and Mr. C. C. Salmon be Members of the House Committee; five to be the quorum.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

11. PRINTING COMMITTEE.—Mr. Barton moved, pursuant to notice, That Mr. T. T. Ewing, Mr. J. M. Fowler, Mr. R. Harper, Mr. A. Poynton, Sir John Quick, Mr. E. Solomon, and Mr. D. Watkins be Members of the Printing Committee; five to be the quorum.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

12. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS.—Mr. Barton moved, pursuant to notice—

1. That Mr. Speaker be requested to lay on the Table, as early as practicable, his Warrant for the appointment of a Committee of Elections and Qualifications, consisting of seven honorable Members of this House, to inquire into and report on all questions respecting the qualification of any Member of this House, or respecting a vacancy in this House, and all questions of disputed elections to this House.

2. That, unless disapproved of by resolution of this House in the course of the four sitting days next after the laying of the Warrant on the Table, such Warrant shall take effect as an appointment of such Committee by this House.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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13. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS.—The following Warrant, appointing "The Committee of Elections and Qualifications," was laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker, and the same was read by the Clerk:—

*The Parliament of the Commonwealth.*

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

In conformity with a Resolution adopted by this Honorable House on the fifth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and one, I do hereby appoint—

The Honorable Egerton Lee Batchelor, of South Australia,  
The Right Honorable Sir Edward Nicholas Coventry Braddon, P.C.,  
K.C.M.G., of Tasmania,  
Francis Clarke, Esquire, of Cowper, New South Wales,  
Joseph Cook, Esquire, of Parramatta, New South Wales,  
William Henry Groom, Esquire, of Darling Downs, Queensland,  
John Waters Kirwan, Esquire, of Kalgoorlie, Western Australia, and  
Sir John Quick, of Bendigo, Victoria,

to be Members of a Committee to be called "The Committee of Elections and Qualifications," to inquire into and report on all questions respecting the qualification of any Member of, or any vacancy in, this House, and any question of a disputed election to this House, pursuant to the provisions of section forty-seven of *The Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act*.

Given under my hand this fifth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and one.

F. W. HOLDER,  
Speaker.

14. IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION BILL.—Mr. Barton moved, pursuant to notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to place certain restrictions on Immigration, and to provide for the removal from the Commonwealth of prohibited Immigrants.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.  
Ordered—That Mr. Barton do prepare and bring in the Bill.  
Mr. Barton then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to place certain restrictions on Immigration and to provide for the removal from the Commonwealth of prohibited Immigrants,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and that the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.
15. PACIFIC ISLANDS LABOURERS BILL.—Mr. Barton moved, pursuant to notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the regulation, restriction, and prohibition of the introduction of labourers from the Pacific Islands and for other purposes.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.  
Ordered—That Mr. Barton do prepare and bring in the Bill.  
Mr. Barton then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the regulation, restriction, and prohibition of the introduction of labourers from the Pacific Islands and for other purposes,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and that the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.
16. JUDICIARY BILL.—Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for the exercise of the Judicial Power of the Commonwealth.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.  
Ordered—That Mr. Deakin do prepare and bring in the Bill.  
Mr. Deakin then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to make provision for the exercise of the Judicial Power of the Commonwealth,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and that the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
17. HIGH COURT PROCEDURE BILL.—Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the practice and procedure of the High Court.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.  
Ordered—That Mr. Deakin do prepare and bring in the Bill.  
Mr. Deakin then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to regulate the practice and procedure of the High Court,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and that the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
18. PUBLIC SERVICE BILL.—Sir William Lyne moved, pursuant to notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the regulation of the Public Service.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.  
Ordered—That Sir William Lyne do prepare and bring in the Bill.  
Sir William Lyne then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for the regulation of the Public Service,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time ordered to be printed, and that the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

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19. INTER-STATE COMMISSION BILL.—Sir William Lyne moved, pursuant to notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to constitute the Inter-State Commission, to invest it with certain powers of adjudication and administration, and to regulate trade and commerce with other countries and among the States.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.  
Ordered—That Sir William Lyne do prepare and bring in the Bill.  
Sir William Lyne then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to constitute the Inter-State Commission, to invest it with certain powers of adjudication and administration, and to regulate trade and commerce with other countries and among the States,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and that the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.
20. ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES BILL.—Sir William Lyne moved, pursuant to notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the Acquisition of Property for public purposes, for dealing with property so acquired, and for other purposes connected therewith.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.  
Ordered—That Sir William Lyne do prepare and bring in the Bill.  
Sir William Lyne then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to provide for the Acquisition of Property for public purposes, for dealing with property so acquired, and for other purposes connected therewith,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and that the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Wednesday, 19th June instant.
21. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS BILL.—Sir William Lyne moved, pursuant to notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate Parliamentary Elections.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.  
Ordered—That Sir William Lyne do prepare and bring in the Bill.  
Sir William Lyne then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to regulate Parliamentary Elections,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and that the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Wednesday, 26th June instant.
22. FRANCHISE BILL.—Sir William Lyne moved, pursuant to notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for an uniform Federal Franchise.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.  
Ordered—That Sir William Lyne do prepare and bring in the Bill.  
Sir William Lyne then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to provide for an uniform Federal Franchise,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and that the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Wednesday, 26th June instant.
23. AUDIT BILL.—Mr. Deakin, for Sir George Turner, moved, pursuant to notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Collection and Payment of the Public Moneys, the Audit of the Public Accounts, and the Protection and Recovery of the Public Property, and for other purposes.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.  
Ordered—That Mr. Deakin do prepare and bring in the Bill.  
Mr. Deakin then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for the collection and payment of the Public Moneys, the Audit of the public accounts, and the protection and recovery of the public property, and for other purposes,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and that the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.
24. DEFENCE BILL.—Sir John Forrest moved, pursuant to notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the Defences of the Commonwealth.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.  
Ordered—That Sir John Forrest do prepare and bring in the Bill.  
Sir John Forrest then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to provide for the Defences of the Commonwealth,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and that the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday, 18th June instant.
25. CUSTOMS BILL.—Mr. Kingston moved, pursuant to notice, *as amended*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill relating to the Customs.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.  
Ordered—That Mr. Kingston do prepare and bring in the Bill.  
Mr. Kingston then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill relating to the Customs,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and that the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday, 18th June instant.

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26. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL.—Mr. Kingston moved, pursuant to notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.  
Ordered—That Mr. Kingston do prepare and bring in the Bill.  
Mr. Kingston then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and that the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday, 25th June instant.
27. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES.—Mr. McColl moved, pursuant to notice, *as amended*, That the honorable Member for Riverina, Mr. John Moore Chanter, be Chairman of Committees of the whole House for the present Session, and until a successor be appointed.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.  
Whereupon Mr. Chanter made his acknowledgments to the House.
28. MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members present except—Sir Edward Braddon, and Messrs. Cameron, Clarke, Fisher, F. E. McLean, Page, Reid, Sawers, Bruce Smith, E. Solomon, and Willis.
29. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Barton moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

GEORGE H. JENKINS,  
*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*