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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 220.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 10TH OCTOBER, 1902.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITIONS.—Sir Langdon Bonython presented two Petitions from certain persons in reference to the proposed construction of certain conservation works for the purpose of diverting the waters of the River Murray to the detriment of navigation, and praying that the Government will take such steps as will safeguard the interests of the several States of the Commonwealth as provided by the Constitution.
Petitions severally received.
3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—ELECTORAL BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 60.

The Senate transmits herewith a copy of the Bill intituled "*An Act to regulate Parliamentary Elections*," as presented by the President to the Acting Governor-General for his assent, together with a copy of the Message from the Acting Governor-General recommending certain amendments in the Bill, and the Senate having agreed to the amendments desires the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 9th October, 1902.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

TENNYSON,
Acting Governor-General.

Message.

In accordance with section 58 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia the Acting Governor-General returns to the Senate a proposed law intituled "*An Act to regulate Parliamentary Elections*" which has been presented to him for the King's Assent, and transmits herewith the following amendments which he recommends to be made in the said proposed law.

Government House,
Melbourne, 8th October, 1902.

Amendments recommended.

- Page 4, clause 16, line 1, omit "election" insert "electors."
- Page 5, clause 32, line 34, omit "in" insert "for."
- Page 5, clause 33, line 42, omit "in" insert "for."
- Page 9, clause 62, line 22, omit "within" insert "for."
- Page 16, clause 109, lines 16 and 17, omit "at which he is entitled to vote" insert "for which he is enrolled."

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Page 19, clause 130, line 40, omit "entitled to vote at" insert "enrolled for."

Page 24, clause 158, line 13, after "greater" insert "or less."

Page 24, clause 158, line 15, after "greater" insert "or less."

Page 40, Form K, lines 3 and 4, omit "at which he is entitled to vote" insert "for which he is enrolled."

Page 44, Form R, line 8, omit "Paid G. H. my election agent."

Page 44, Form R, line 11, omit "the agent and."

Ordered that the foregoing Message be taken into consideration forthwith in Committee of the whole House.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Chanter reported that the Committee had agreed to the amendments recommended by His Excellency the Acting Governor-General.

On the motion of Sir William Lyne the House adopted the Report.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—APPROPRIATION BILL 1901-2.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 59.

The Senate has agreed to the Bill returned herewith intituled "*A Bill to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of Fifty-two thousand four hundred and ninety-seven pounds to the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and two, and to appropriate the supplies granted for such year in this session of Parliament,*" without request.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 9th October, 1902.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 61.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and three for the purposes of Additions, New Works and Buildings,*" to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 9th October, 1902.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—APPROPRIATION BILL 1902-3.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 62.

The Senate has agreed to the Bill returned herewith intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and three, and to appropriate the supplies granted for such year in this session of the Parliament,*" without request.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 10th October, 1902.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CLAIMS AGAINST THE COMMONWEALTH BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 63.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to make temporary provision for enforcing Claims against the Commonwealth,*" to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 10th October, 1902.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

8. PAPERS.—Sir William Lyne presented, by command of His Excellency the Acting Governor-General—
Defence Department.—Minute by the G.O.C. on proposed further reduction in Estimates.
Defence Department.—Minutes in regard to promised further reduction in the Military Estimates.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

Mr. Kingston presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

Customs Act 1901.—Regulation (dated 10th October, 1902)—Manufacturing Warehouses.

10th October, 1902.

9. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE ACTING GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—A Message was delivered by the Usher of the Senate—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Acting Governor-General desires this Honorable House to attend His Excellency immediately in the Senate Chamber.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with Members of the House, went to attend the Acting Governor-General, when His Excellency was pleased to give the Royal Assent to the following Bills, viz.:—

“An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of Fifty-two thousand four hundred and ninety-seven pounds to the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and two, and to appropriate the supplies granted for such year in this session of Parliament.”

“An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and three, and to appropriate the supplies granted for such year in this session of the Parliament.”

“An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and three for the purposes of Additions, New Works, and Buildings.”

“An Act to regulate Parliamentary Elections.”

“An Act relating to the Allowance to Members of each House of the Parliament of the Commonwealth.”

“An Act to make temporary provision for enforcing claims against the Commonwealth.”

After which His Excellency was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of Parliament as follows:—

GENTLEMEN :

(1) I am pleased to be able to release you from the exceptionally long and arduous labours of your first session, happily distinguished by the passing of many measures of the highest importance. Prominent among these are the Acts which, without endangering the international relations of the Empire, and without hardship to the races affected, effectively secure the exclusion of those immigrants whose presence in Australia would have made difficult, if not impossible, the accomplishment of our national ideals.

(2) The Uniform Tariff of Australia establishes freedom of trade and intercourse throughout the Commonwealth, thus laying the foundation of a commercial and financial union under which in future years the interests of all the States will be indissolubly blended.

(3) The creation of a Federal Electoral System, the organization of the transferred departments and of the Public Service as a whole, are evidences of the zeal and judgment with which you have laboured.

GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES :

(4) I thank you in the name of His Majesty for the liberal supplies that you have voted.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE AND OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES :

(5) The provision you have made for the service and execution of judicial process, for the recognition of State laws and records, and for the hearing of claims against the Commonwealth, will facilitate the administration of justice throughout Australia.

(6) The control of New Guinea and the initiation of closer relations with some groups of the Islands of the Pacific combine to mark an important epoch in the development of the external relations of the Commonwealth.

(7) I now declare this Parliament prorogued until 14th November, 1902.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—The Prime Minister* (the Right Honorable Sir Edmund Barton, P.C., G.C.M.G.), the Minister of Defence* (the Right Honorable Sir John Forrest, P.C., G.C.M.G.), the Honorable Sir Philip Fysh, K.C.M.G., the Right Honorable Sir Edward Braddon, P.C., K.C.M.G., Messrs. Cameron, Chapman,* Conroy, Joseph Cook, Cruickshank, Fisher,* Glynn, A. C. Groom, Harper,* Hartnoll, Hughes, Kennedy, Knox, McCay, McColl, F. E. McLean, Sir William McMillan, K.C.M.G., Messrs. Page, Phillips, the Right Honorable G. H. Reid, P.C., Messrs. Ronald, Sawers, Bruce Smith, Sydney Smith, V. L. Solomon, Wilks, and Willis.

* On leave.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.