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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 43.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 30TH JUNE, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented by Mr. Watson, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

NORTHCOTE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 9.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of The Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of 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 five.

Sydney, 29th June, 1904.

Ordered to lie on the Table and to be referred to the Committee of Supply.

3. PAPER.—Mr. Watson presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia.—Second Annual Report, with Appendices,
by Major-General Sir Edward Hutton, Commanding.
Ordered to lie on the Table.

4. WATER CONSERVATION—MURRAY RIVER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—

- (1) That, in the opinion of this House, the prosperity of Australia as a whole, and the development of the interior more especially, depends on the utilization of its waters.
- (2) That this great question should receive the early attention of the Government of the Commonwealth.
- (3) That it is desirable that a scheme of conserving and locking the waters of the River Murray, in the interests of irrigation and navigation, should be formulated and carried out by joint action on the part of the Commonwealth and the States of New South Wales, South Australia, and Victoria, and that the Government should take such steps as it may deem necessary to bring about such joint action without delay.
- (4) That the petition received by this House from certain residents in the Northern district of Victoria and the Riverina district of New South Wales on the 25th June, 1903, be taken into consideration in conjunction with this motion—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Glynn, addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for this Day.

5. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered, That the remaining General Business be postponed until after the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 1 and 2, Government Business.

30th June, 1904.

6. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.
Mr. Watson moved, pursuant to notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended in order to enable all steps to be taken to obtain Supply and to pass a Supply Bill through all its stages without delay.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Salmon also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
7. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—Mr. Salmon reported from the Committee of Supply a certain resolution, which was read, and is as follows :—
Resolved—That a sum not exceeding One hundred and twenty thousand pounds be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year ending 30th June, 1905.
And the said resolution was adopted by the House.
8. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.
Mr. Salmon also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
9. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION.—Mr. Salmon reported from the Committee of Ways and Means a certain resolution, which was read, and is as follows :—
Resolved—That towards making good the supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year ending 30th June, 1905, a sum not exceeding One hundred and twenty thousand pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.
And the said resolution was adopted by the House.
Ordered—That Mr. Watson do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.
10. SUPPLY BILL (No. 1).—Mr. Watson then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and five,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. Watson moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
11. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—WITNESS BEFORE SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—
Message No. 7.
MR. SPEAKER,
The Senate requests that the House of Representatives will give leave to the Hon. Austin Chapman, a Member of such House, to attend if he think fit, and be examined as a witness before the Select Committee of the Senate on “*Privilege—Case of Senator Lieut.-Col. Neild.*”
R. C. BAKER,
The Senate, President.
Melbourne, 30th June, 1904.
Mr. Watson moved, That the House authorizes Mr. Chapman to attend accordingly if he thinks fit.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
12. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—WITNESS BEFORE SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—
Message No. 8.
MR. SPEAKER,
The Senate requests that the House of Representatives will give leave to the Right Honorable Sir John Forrest, G.C.M.G., a Member of such House, to attend if he think fit, and be examined as a witness before the Select Committee of the Senate on the Case of Major J. W. M. Carroll.
R. C. BAKER,
The Senate, President.
Melbourne, 30th June, 1904.
Mr. Watson moved, That the House authorizes Sir John Forrest to attend accordingly if he thinks fit.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 28th July next.

14. SUPPLY BILL (No. 1).—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill 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. Salmon reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and agreed to the same without amendment.

On the motion of Mr. Hughes, the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Hughes moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

15. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

16. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at four minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Cameron, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Hume Cook, Mr. Joseph Cook*, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lee, Mr. Liddell, Mr. Lonsdale, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Phillips, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Skene, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Thomas, Sir George Turner*, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Webster, Mr. Wilks, and Mr. Willis.

* On leave.

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