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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 71.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
  - Federal Capital Site—Letter from the Prime Minister to the Premier of New South Wales, dated 15th November, 1905.
 Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.  
 Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—  
 Property for Public Purposes Acquisition Act 1901—Land acquired under, at Glen Innes, New South Wales, for Defence purposes.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF MOTION.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Motion to dissent from Mr. Deputy-Speaker's ruling be postponed until Tuesday next.
4. HARVESTERS IMPORTED.—Mr. McCay, for Mr. McColl, moved, pursuant to notice, That a Return be laid upon the Table of the House showing—
  - (1) The number of Harvesters imported into the Commonwealth during the years 1901 to 1905 inclusive, showing each year's importations separately.
  - (2) The name of the maker of each Harvester.
  - (3) The port of shipment.
  - (4) The price of each machine at port of shipment.
  - (5) The value set on each machine at the port of entry on which duty was charged, and the duty paid.
 The motion having been set down as unopposed, and Mr. Robinson proposing to move an amendment—  
 Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
5. PROPOSED STANDING ORDER—CLOSURE.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Deakin :—
 

That, notwithstanding any provisions in the Standing Orders to the contrary, there be forthwith adopted the following Standing Order, namely :—

  - (a) After any question has been proposed, either in the House or in any Committee of the Whole, a motion may be made by any Member, rising in his place, and without notice, and whether any other Member is addressing the Chair or not, "That the question be now put," and the motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate.
  - (b) When the motion, "That the question be now put" has been carried, and the question consequent thereon has been decided, any further motion may be at once made which may be requisite to bring to a decision any question already proposed from the Chair; and also if a clause be then under consideration, a motion may be made, "That the question, 'That certain words of the clause defined in the motion stand part of the clause,' or 'That the clause stand part of or be added to the Bill' be now put." Such motions shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate.
  - (c) An affirmative vote of not less than 24 Members shall be necessary to carry any motion under this Standing Order—

Debate continued.

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Mr. Robinson moved, as an amendment, That the word "Member" in line 2 of paragraph (a) be omitted, and that the following words be inserted in place thereof, viz., "Minister with the consent of the Speaker or the Chairman of Committees as the case may require."

Amendment, by leave, temporarily withdrawn.

Debate on main question continued.

Mr. Fuller moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

6. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

7. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE.—MEMBERS DISCHARGED FROM ATTENDANCE.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, by leave, That the honorable Member for Corinella (Mr. McCay), for East Sydney (Mr. Reid), and for North Sydney (Mr. Dugald Thomson) be respectively discharged from attendance on the Standing Orders Committee.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Batchelor, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kingston\*, Mr. McColl, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Sir George Turner, Mr. Watson, and Mr. Wilson.

\* On leave.

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