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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 74.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker:—

NORTHCOTE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 20.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the Representation of the several States in the House of Representatives*," as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,

Melbourne, 23rd November, 1905.

NORTHCOTE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 21.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act relating to Assurance on the Lives of Children by Life Assurance Companies or Societies*," as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,

Melbourne, 23rd November, 1905.

NORTHCOTE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 22.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act to incorporate Amendments in Amended Acts*," as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,

Melbourne, 23rd November, 1905.

3. PROPOSED STANDING ORDERS.—CERTAIN MOTIONS NOT TO BE DEBATED: INDIVIDUAL CLOSURE.—Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to notice, That the following Standing Orders be forthwith adopted:—

1. The following motions are not open to debate, shall be moved without argument or opinion offered, and shall be forthwith put from the Chair without amendment and the vote taken:—

- (a) A motion for the first reading of a Bill;
- (b) A motion, That this debate be now adjourned;
- (c) A motion in Committee, That the Chairman report progress (either simply or in any form);
- (d) A motion in Committee, That the Chairman leave the Chair;
- (e) A motion to reinstate on the Notice Paper any business which has lapsed because of a count-out.

Should any such motion be negatived, no similar motion shall be received within a quarter of an hour of the declaration of the preceding decision, and no such motion shall be received if the Speaker or Chairman is of opinion that it is an abuse of the rules or forms of the House, or is moved for the purpose of obstructing business.

2. A motion without notice may be made, That a Member who is speaking "be not further heard," and such question shall be put forthwith, and decided without amendment or debate. Debate ensued.

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Mr. Johnson moved, as an amendment, That the words "forthwith adopted," in lines 1 and 2 of the motion, be omitted, and that the following words be inserted in place thereof:—"brought up for consideration when the Standing Orders recommended by the Standing Orders Committee are being considered by the House."

Amendment, by leave, temporarily withdrawn.

Debate on main question continued.

Mr. McCay moved the following amendments in paragraph 2 of the motion:—

At the commencement of the paragraph insert—"Except in the debate on the Address-in-Reply or on the Budget, or in a debate on a Motion of 'No Confidence,' and except when the second reading of a Bill, or a resolution, is being moved".

Line 1, after "is speaking" insert "and has been speaking for not less than one hour in the House, and half-an-hour in Committee".

At the end of the paragraph add—"An affirmative vote of not less than 24 Members shall be necessary to carry any motion under this part of this Standing Order."

Amendments, by leave, temporarily withdrawn.

Debate on main question continued.

And the motion having, by request, been divided—

The following amendment of Mr. Johnson was then submitted for the decision of the House:—

That the words "forthwith adopted," in lines 1 and 2 of the motion, be omitted, and that the following words be inserted in place thereof:—"brought up for consideration when the Standing Orders recommended by the Standing Orders Committee are being considered by the House".

Question—That the words "forthwith adopted" proposed to be omitted stand part of the motion—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then proposed Standing Order 1 was put and agreed to.

The following amendment of Mr. McCay was then submitted for the decision of the House:—

At the commencement of paragraph 2 insert—"Except in the debate on the Address-in-Reply or on the Budget, or in a debate on a motion of 'No Confidence,' and except when the second reading of a Bill, or a resolution, is being moved".

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

The House divided—

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. R. Edwards,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,
Mr. Gibb,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Johnson,	Mr. Willis.
Mr. Liddell,	
Mr. Lonsdale,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McCay,	
Mr. McColl,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. McLean,	Mr. Robinson.

Noes, 27.

Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. O'Malley,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Ronald,
Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Spence,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Storrer,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Tudor,
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Wilkinson.
Mr. Groom,	
Mr. Kennedy,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Sir William Lyne,	
Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Hume Cook,
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Mauger.

And so it passed in the negative.

The following amendment of Mr. McCay was then submitted for the decision of the House:—

Line 1, of paragraph 2, after "is speaking" insert "and has been speaking for not less than one hour in the House and half-an-hour in Committee".

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

The House divided—

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. R. Edwards,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,
Mr. Gibb,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Willis.
Mr. Liddell,	
Mr. Lonsdale,	<i>Tellers.</i>
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Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Wilkinson.
Mr. Groom,	
Mr. Kennedy,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Sir William Lyne,	
Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Hume Cook,
Mr. Mauger,	Mr. Thomas.

And so it passed in the negative.

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The following amendment of Mr. McCay was then submitted for the decision of the House :—

At the end of paragraph 2 add—" An affirmative vote of not less than 24 Members shall be necessary to carry any motion under this part of this Standing Order."

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

The House divided—

Ayes, 15.		Noes, 27.	
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. R. Edwards,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,	Mr. Brown,	Mr. O'Malley,
Mr. Gibb,	Mr. Wilks,	Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Johnson,	Mr. Willis.	Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Kelly,		Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Ronald,
Mr. Lonsdale,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Storrer,
Mr. McColl,		Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. McLean,	Mr. Liddell,	Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Tudor,
Mr. Robinson,	Mr. McCay.	Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Watson,
		Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Wilkinson.
		Mr. Groom,	
		Mr. Kennedy,	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Sir William Lyne,	
		Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Hume Cook,
		Mr. Mauger,	Mr. Spence.

And so it passed in the negative.

Question—That proposed Standing Order 2 be agreed to—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 28.		Noes, 15.	
Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. O'Malley,	Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Page,	Mr. R. Edwards,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Gibb,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,
Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Ronald,	Mr. Johnson,	Mr. Willis.
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Salmon,	Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Spence,	Mr. Liddell,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Storrer,	Mr. Lonsdale,	
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Thomas,	Mr. McCay,	Mr. Robinson,
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Tudor,	Mr. McColl,	Mr. Wilks.
Mr. Groom,	Mr. Watson,		
Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. Wilkinson.		
Sir William Lyne,			
Mr. Mahon,	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Mr. Mauger,	Mr. Carpenter,		
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Hume Cook.		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

4. PAPERS.—Sir John Forrest presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—  
Audit Act 1901—Transfers of Amounts approved by the Governor-General in Council—  
Financial Year 1904-5 (dated 24th November, 1905).

Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—  
Public Service Act 1902—Regulation No. 89A—Furlough. Statutory Rules 1905, No. 73.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Culpin, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Fuller, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Kingston\*, Mr. Lee, Mr. Poynton, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Skene, Mr. Bruce Smith, Sir George Turner, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Webster.

\* On leave.

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