

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 6.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 15TH JUNE, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Skene rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The anomalous position in which the State of Victoria is placed through the recent enumeration of the electors, and the consequent redistribution of the electorates thereon."
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—
Mr. Skene moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the consideration of Government Business be postponed until after the consideration of the Order of the Day, General Business.
4. RABBIT DESTRUCTION—DR. DANYSZ'S EXPERIMENTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Hughes:—
That this House is of the opinion that, as the introduction of the microbes proposed by Dr. Danysz for the destruction of rabbits in the State of New South Wales may prove inimical to human and other animal life of Australia, it should not be permitted except for laboratory experiments—
And on the amendment proposed thereto by Mr. Frazer, viz.:—That the following words be added to the motion:—"until such time as Parliament or the Government, if Parliament is not in session, is satisfied by the investigations of a duly appointed scientific committee approved by the Parliament, that outside experiments will be harmless"—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Tudor moved, as an amendment upon the proposed amendment, That the words proposed to be added be amended by omitting therefrom the words "by the investigations of a duly appointed scientific committee approved by the Parliament"
And the proposed amendment having been so amended.
Question—That the words—"until such time as Parliament or the Government, if Parliament is not in session, is satisfied that outside experiments will be harmless", proposed to be added to the motion be so added—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Question—That this House is of the opinion that, as the introduction of the microbes proposed by Dr. Danysz for the destruction of rabbits in the State of New South Wales may prove inimical to human and other animal life of Australia, it should not be permitted except for laboratory experiments until such time as Parliament or the Government, if Parliament is not in session, is satisfied that outside experiments will be harmless—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. AUDIT BILL (1906).—Sir John Forrest moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the Audit Act 1901.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
6. LIFE ASSURANCE FOREIGN COMPANIES BILL.—Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to Foreign Companies carrying on the business of Life Assurance in Australia.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
7. MARINE LIGHTS AND MARKS BILL.—Sir William Lyne moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to Lighthouses, Lightships, Beacons and Buoys.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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8. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—KALGOORLIE TO PORT AUGUSTA RAILWAY SURVEY BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General,

Per ALFRED DEAKIN.

Message No. 1.

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 and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Survey of a Route for a Railway to connect Kalgoorlie, in the State of Western Australia, with Port Augusta, in the State of South Australia.

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Ordered—That the foregoing Message be considered forthwith in Committee of the whole House.

9. CHAIRMAN.—Mr. Deakin moved, by leave, That the honorable Member for Melbourne Ports (Mr. Mauger) do take the Chair as Chairman for this day of sitting only.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
10. KALGOORLIE TO PORT AUGUSTA RAILWAY SURVEY BILL.—Mr. Speaker thereupon left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 1.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair: Mr. Mauger reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.

Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.

And thereupon the said resolution was read, and is as follows:—

Resolved—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to Authorize the Survey of a Route for a Railway to connect Kalgoorlie, in the State of Western Australia, with Port Augusta, in the State of South Australia.

And the said resolution was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Groom and Sir John Forrest do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Groom then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to Authorize the Survey of Route for a Railway to connect Kalgoorlie, in the State of Western Australia, with Port Augusta, in the State of South Australia,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

11. PAPERS.—Sir William Lyne presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Navigation Bill—Appendices and Minutes of Evidence of the Royal Commission.
Tobacco—Proceedings, Minutes of Evidence and Appendices of the Select Committees and of the Royal Commission.
Mr. Groom presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General.
Federal Capital Sites—Reports respecting proposed sites at Mahkoolma, Canberra, and other sites in the Yass (Lake George) District.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
12. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin 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 four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Chapman, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Johnson, Mr. McColl, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Thomas, and Sir George Turner,

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