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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 9.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 21ST JUNE, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER.—Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—
Electoral Acts 1902–1905—Provisional Regulations—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 42.
3. ELECTORAL BILL (1906).—Mr. Chanter moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the Commonwealth Electoral Acts of 1902 and 1905 as regards the Court of Disputed Returns.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Chanter then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to amend the Commonwealth Electoral Acts of 1902 and 1905 as regards the Court of Disputed Returns,*” 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 Thursday, 19th July.
4. GENERAL ELECTION—DATE FOR HOLDING.—Mr. McColl moved, pursuant to notice, *amended*, That, in the opinion of this House, the Ministry should so arrange the business for this Session that the general elections can be held on a date not later than the 15th day of November next.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Mauger moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word “House” be omitted, with a view to insert in place thereof the words “the general election should be held as soon as practicable.”
Debate continued.
The time allowed for the precedence of General Business having terminated, Government Business was called on.
5. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1906–7.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

NORTHCOTE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 3.*

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 seven.

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

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6. SUPPLY.—The Order of the Day for the Committee of Supply having been read—
 Question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.
 Mr. McDonald 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. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Sir John Forrest moved, by leave, 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.
8. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—The resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read, and is as follows :—
Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Four hundred and fifty-nine thousand and sixty-four pounds be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year ending 30th June, 1907.
 And the said resolution was adopted by the House.
9. WAYS AND MEANS.—The Order of the Day for the Committee of Ways and Means having been read—
 Question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.
 Mr. McDonald 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.
10. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION.—The resolution reported from the Committee of Ways and Means 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, 1907, a sum not exceeding Four hundred and fifty-nine thousand and sixty-four pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.
 And the said resolution was adopted by the House.
 Ordered—That Sir John Forrest and Mr. Deakin do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.
11. SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1906-7.—Sir John Forrest 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 seven,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
 Sir John Forrest 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. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.
 On the motion of Sir John Forrest, the House adopted the Report.
 Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.
12. GENERAL ELECTION—DATE FOR HOLDING.—Ordered, That the resumption of the debate on this question (interrupted this day by Government Business being called on) be made an Order of the Day for Thursday next, and that Mr. O'Malley have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Chapman, Mr. Conroy, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Lonsdale, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. David Thomson, and Sir George Turner.

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