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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 24.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH JULY, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBERS (MR. G. B. EDWARDS and MR. REID).—Mr. Wilks moved, pursuant to notice, *amended*, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for South Sydney (Mr. G. B. Edwards), on account of ill-health, and to the honorable Member for East Sydney (Mr. Reid), on account of public business.  
And the motion having, by request, been divided—  
Question—That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for South Sydney (Mr. G. B. Edwards), on account of ill-health—put and resolved in the affirmative.  
Question—That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for East Sydney (Mr. Reid), on account of public business—put and resolved in the affirmative.
3. JUDICIARY BILL (1906).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Isaacs moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Mr. Conroy 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.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the consideration of the remaining Government Business, up to and inclusive of Order of the Day No. 4, be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 5.
5. BOUNTIES BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 6—  
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 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 be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the Payment of Bounties on the production of certain goods.  
And the said resolution was adopted by the House.  
Ordered—That Sir William Lyne and Mr. Deakin do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.  
Sir William Lyne then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to provide for the Payment of Bounties on the production of certain goods,*" 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 to-morrow.

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6. MAIL SERVICE TO EUROPE—AGREEMENT WITH SIR JAMES LAING AND SONS, LIMITED—Mr. Chapman moved, pursuant to notice, That this House approves the agreement made and entered into on the 7th day of July, 1906, between the Postmaster-General, in and for the Commonwealth, and Sir James Laing and Sons, Limited, for the carriage of mails between Adelaide and Brindisi.

Mr. Thomas moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word "House" be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof—"is of opinion that, in the best interests of the Commonwealth, the Government should purchase and control a fleet of mail steamers capable of maintaining a fortnightly mail service between Australia and Great Britain."

Mr. Joseph Cook 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.

7. KALGOORLIE TO PORT AUGUSTA RAILWAY SURVEY BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—

Mr. Kelly moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word "be" be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof—"not further considered until evidence that the Parliament of South Australia has formally consented to the Commonwealth constructing that portion of the proposed railway which would be in South Australian territory has been laid on the Table of the House".

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Bamford,	Mr. McCay,
Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. McColl,
Sir Langdon	Mr. McDonald,
Bonython,	Mr. O'Malley,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Poynton,
Mr. Fisher,	Sir John Quick,
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Ronald,
Mr. Fowler,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. David Thomson,
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Webster.
Mr. Isaacs,	
Mr. Liddell,	
Sir William Lyne,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Carpenter,
Mr. Mauger,	Mr. Hume Cook.

Noes, 12.

Mr. Brown,	Mr. Lonsdale,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Culpin,	Mr. Storrer.
Mr. Glynn,	
Mr. Johnson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. McWilliams,
Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. Wilson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Debate continued on main question.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Bamford,	Mr. Mahon,
Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. Maloney,
Sir Langdon	Mr. McCay,
Bonython,	Mr. McColl,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Chapman,	Sir John Quick,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Ronald,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Watkins,
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Fowler,	Mr. Webster.
Mr. Frazer,	
Mr. Hutchison,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Hume Cook,
Mr. Liddell,	Mr. Poynton.

Noes, 11.

Mr. Cameron,	Mr. David Thomson,
Mr. Culpin,	Mr. Wilson.
Mr. Glynn,	
Mr. Kennedy,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Conroy,
Mr. McWilliams,	Mr. Kelly.
Mr. Storrer,	

And so it was 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 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, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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8. FEDERAL CAPITAL SITES—YASS (LAKE GEORGE) DISTRICT.—Mr. Speaker made the following statement to the House :—

Reports (accompanied by plans) in regard to certain Federal Capital Sites in the Yass (Lake George) District, were laid on the Table on 15th June last. The House ordered the reports to be printed, and they have been printed accordingly. As it would cost over £100 to print the plans, it is considered that such a heavy expenditure should not be entered upon without an express vote of the House.

I therefore propose, in the meantime, to direct that the plans be exhibited in some position convenient for the inspection of honorable Members, probably in the corridor opposite to the entrance to the Chamber.

9. 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-two minutes past 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 (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Chanter, Mr. G. B. Edwards\*, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Groom, Mr. Harper, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Reid\*, Mr. Skene, Mr. Dugald Thomson, and Mr. Willis.

\* On leave.

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