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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 44.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND AUGUST, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ALTERATION OF TIME OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Isaacs moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until half-past three o'clock to-morrow.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (MR. KINGSTON).—Mr. Isaacs moved, by leave, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Adelaide (Mr. Kingston), on the ground of ill-health.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT.—REVENUE, ETC., IN QUEENSLAND.—Mr. Wilkinson moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid on the Table a Return showing the revenue and expenditure of the Queensland Post and Telegraph Department for each of the five years immediately preceding 30th June, 1900 ; also, the revenue and expenditure on account of the Postmaster-General's Department for the State of Queensland for each of the five years ended 30th June, 1906.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. PACIFIC ISLANDERS ENGAGED IN THE SUGAR INDUSTRY.—Mr. Carpenter moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Mahon, That there be laid upon the Table a Return showing—
 - (1) The estimated number of Pacific Islanders in Australia engaged in the sugar industry at 17th December, 1901.
 - (2) The number of Pacific Islanders who were admitted into Australia to work in the sugar industry between 17th December, 1901, and 31st March, 1904.
 - (3) Between 17th December, 1901, and 30th June, 1906, the number of Pacific Islanders engaged in sugar growing who (a) died, (b) quitted Australia.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
6. LANDS ACQUISITION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Johnson 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. ELECTORAL VALIDATING BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill, Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
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 Mr. Groom, the House adopted the Report, and ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the third reading to be moved this day.
Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.
8. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
And the Committee continuing to sit till after midnight—

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- 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, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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9. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Isaacs moved, by leave, That the Standing Orders be suspended in order to enable all steps to be taken to pass the Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Bill 1906-7 through all its stages without delay.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
10. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—The resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read, and is as follows :—

ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1906-7.

Resolved—That there be granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1906-7, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., a sum not exceeding £479,724.
And, after debate, the said resolution was adopted by the House.

11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the remaining Orders of the Day, Government Business, except Order of the Day No. 10, be postponed until the next sitting.
12. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, 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, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
13. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION.—The resolution reported from the Committee of Ways and Means was read, and is as follows:—

ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1906-7.

Resolved—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year 1906-7, a sum not exceeding Four hundred and seventy-nine thousand seven hundred and twenty-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. Isaacs do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

14. APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1906-7.—Sir John Forrest then brought up a Bill intituled "*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 for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.,*" 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.
Debate ensued.
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.
15. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Isaacs moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at half-past three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Chanter, Mr. Conroy, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. Lee, Mr. Liddell, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Mahon, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Sir George Turner, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Webster.

* On leave.

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