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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 49.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 30TH AUGUST, 1906.

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

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General. *Message No. 13.*

A Bill intituled "*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,*" 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, 29th August, 1906.
3. POST-OFFICE AT GWALIA, WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—Mr. Mahon moved, pursuant to notice, That all papers of whatever character in connexion with the erection and opening of the post-office at Gwalia, in the State of Western Australia, be laid upon the Table of this House.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (SPECIAL DUTIES) BILL.—Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to alter the Constitution with respect to the Appropriation of Special Duties of Customs and of Excise.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Deakin then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to alter the Constitution with respect to the Appropriation of Special Duties of Customs and of Excise,*" 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.
5. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (PUBLIC DEBTS OF STATES) BILL.—Sir John Forrest moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution relating to the Public Debts of the States.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
6. PAPER.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Preferential Customs Duties—Copy of Agreement between the Colony of New Zealand and the Commonwealth of Australia for proposed reciprocal and preferential concessions in certain Customs Duties.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
Mr. Deakin moved, That the Paper be printed.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 to 4 inclusive, be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 5.

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8. **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 made progress, and 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.
9. **PAPER.**—The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk:—
Pacific Islanders engaged in the Sugar Industry.—Return to an Order of the House dated 22nd August, 1906.
10. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
11. **SPIRITS BILL.**—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole House on this Bill—
Sir William Lyne moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of amendments inserted in Committee in clause 3, paragraph (b), page 2, and in paragraph (b), page 3; clause 11; and clause 15, sub-clause (b).
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
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 reconsidered the portions of the Bill referred to it, and had agreed to the same with further amendments.
On the motion of Sir William Lyne, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Bill to pass through all its remaining stages this day.
Sir William Lyne moved, That the Reports from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill be now adopted.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Sir William Lyne moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.
12. **BOUNTIES BILL.**—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole House on this Bill—Sir William Lyne moved, That the Report be now adopted.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
On the motion of Sir William Lyne, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the third reading to be moved this day.
Sir William Lyne moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.
13. **REFERENDUM (CONSTITUTION ALTERATION) 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.
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.
14. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at thirteen minutes past ten o'clock p.m., 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. Conroy, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. Knox, Mr. McCay, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Reid, Mr. Salmon, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. David Thomson, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Willis.

* On leave.

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