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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 64.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. POSTMASTERS RAISED TO GRADE OF THEIR OFFICES.—Mr. Hughes moved, by leave, That a Return be laid upon the Table of the House showing—
 - (1) How many postmasters were raised in the reclassification to the grade of their offices.
 - (2) The names of such postmasters, if any, and what was the reason for their being so raised.
 - (3) How many postmasters who appealed were raised to the grade of their offices.
 - (4) What are their names, and on what grounds were the appeals granted.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—TASMANIAN CABLE RATES BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No. 18.*

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Post and Telegraph Rates Act 1902’*,” to which it has agreed without amendment.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 27th September, 1906.
4. EXCISE TARIFF [SUGAR] AMENDMENT BILL.—Sir William Lyne moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Deakin, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Excise Tariff 1905*.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Sir William Lyne then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Excise Tariff 1905’*,” 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.
5. POST AND TELEGRAPH BILL (1906).—Mr. Chapman moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Post and Telegraph Act 1901*.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Chapman then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Post and Telegraph Act 1901’*,” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered, by leave—That the second reading be taken forthwith.

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Mr. Chapman 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 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, this day, at a later hour, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. PATENTS BILL (1906).—Sir William Lyne moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Deakin, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Patents Act 1903*.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Sir William Lyne then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Patents Act 1903’*,” and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Ordered, by leave—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for this day, at a later hour.

7. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Mahon reported that the Committee had agreed to certain Resolutions.

On the motion, by leave, of Sir John Forrest, the House ordered the Report to be taken into consideration this day.

Mr. Mahon also acquainted the House 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.

8. SUPPLY RESOLUTIONS.—The Resolutions reported from the Committee of Supply were read, and are as follow :—

ESTIMATES, 1906-7.

Resolved—That, including the several sums already voted in this present Session of Parliament for such services, there be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1906-7, for the several services hereunder specified, sums not exceeding in each case the following amounts, viz. :—

i. The Parliament	...	...	£30,167
ii. The Department of External Affairs	...	...	62,247
iii. The Attorney-General's Department	...	...	11,301
iv. The Department of Home Affairs	...	...	243,470
v. The Department of the Treasury	...	...	37,505
Refunds of Revenue	...	...	120,000
Advance to the Treasurer	...	...	200,000
vi. The Department of Trade and Customs	...	...	272,315
vii. The Department of Defence	...	...	639,001
viii. The Postmaster-General's Department	...	...	2,646,201

And the said Resolutions were, on the motion of Sir John Forrest, adopted by the House.

9. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Mahon reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain Resolution.

On the motion, by leave, of Sir John Forrest, the House ordered the Report to be taken into consideration this day.

Mr. Mahon also acquainted the House 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.

10. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION.—The Resolution reported from the Committee of Ways and Means was read, and is as follows :—

ESTIMATES, 1906-7.

Resolved—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1906-7, a sum not exceeding Three million fifty-four thousand seven hundred and eighty pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

And the said Resolution was, on the motion of Sir John Forrest, 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. APPROPRIATION 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 and to appropriate the supplies granted for such year in this Session of the Parliament*,” and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Ordered, by leave—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for this day.

Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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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. Mahon 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, and ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the third reading to be moved this day.

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. PAPERS.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Lands Acquisition Bill.—Observations by the Attorney-General for the Commonwealth upon a Memorandum by the Attorney-General for New South Wales, and correspondence with the Premier of New South Wales.

International Postal Congress, Rome, April—May, 1906.—Report by the Postmaster-General, the Honorable Austin Chapman.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

Public Service Act 1902—

Regulations amended—

No. 104.—Statutory Rules, 1906, No. 77.

No. 163A.—Statutory Rules, 1906, No. 80.

Regulations repealed—

Nos. 17, 18, 21 (and new regulation, No. 21, substituted), and 90.

13. PUBLIC SERVICE [TELEGRAPH MESSENGERS] BILL.—Mr. Groom moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to the employment of Telegraph Messengers in the Public Service.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Groom then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to the employment of Telegraph Messengers in the Public Service,*" 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.

14. ELECTORAL [ADVERTISEMENTS] BILL.—Mr. Groom moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the Law relating to Parliamentary Elections.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Groom then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the Law relating to Parliamentary Elections,*" 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.

15. 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-six minutes past six 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—Mr. Conroy, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Fuller, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Harper, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lee, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. McColl, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Skene, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Spence, Sir George Turner, Mr. Webster, Mr. Wilks, Mr. Willis, and Mr. Wilson.

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