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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 142.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 5TH JUNE, 1908.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Fisher rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely: "Violations of the wages award of Mr. Justice Higgins as regards payment to persons employed in the agricultural implement making industry."  
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—  
Mr. Fisher moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, in accordance with Standing Order No. 119 the Orders of the Day were called on.
3. MANUFACTURES ENCOURAGEMENT BILL (1907).—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—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, at its next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business Nos. 2 and 3, be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 4.
5. SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1908-9.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill, Sir William Lyne 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 William Lyne, the House adopted the Report.  
On the motion of Sir William Lyne; pursuant to contingent notice, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Bill to be passed through its remaining stage 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.
6. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ELECTION EXPENSES REIMBURSEMENT 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. 40.*

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 out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the purpose of reimbursing expenses incurred by candidates in connexion with certain elections which have been declared void, and in proceedings in relation thereto.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be considered forthwith in Committee of the whole House.

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7. ELECTION EXPENSES REIMBURSEMENT 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. 40—

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.

On the motion of Sir William Lyne, pursuant to contingent notice, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Report to be considered this day and a Bill to be passed through all its stages forthwith.

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 grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the purpose of reimbursing expenses incurred by candidates in connexion with certain elections which have been declared void, and in proceedings in relation thereto.

And the said resolution was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir William Lyne and Mr. Groom 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 grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the purpose of reimbursing expenses incurred by candidates in connexion with certain elections which have been declared void and in proceedings in relation thereto,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Sir William Lyne 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 William Lyne the House adopted the Report.

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.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 37.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Customs Tariff 1908,'*" to which it has agreed without requests.

A. J. GOULD,  
President.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 5th June, 1908.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—EXCISE TARIFF (STARCH) BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 38.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Excise Tariff 1908,'*" to which it has agreed without requests.

A. J. GOULD,  
President.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 5th June, 1908.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—COAST DEFENCE APPROPRIATION BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 39.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of Two hundred and fifty thousand pounds for Harbor and Coastal Defences,*" to which it has agreed without amendment.

A. J. GOULD,  
President.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 5th June, 1908.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—OLD-AGE PENSIONS APPROPRIATION BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 40.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of Seven hundred and fifty thousand pounds for Invalid and Old-age Pensions,*" to which it has agreed without amendment.

A. J. GOULD,  
President.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 5th June, 1908.

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12. PAPERS.—Mr. Groom presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
 Judgment of the High Court in *New South Wales v. The Commonwealth* (Heffernan's Case).  
 Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.  
 The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—  
 Freeman and Wallace Medical Institute—Postal Prohibition.—Return to an Order of the House dated 4th June, 1908.
13. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—  
 MR. SPEAKER, Message No. 41.  
 The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to the Publication of Parliamentary Papers*," to which it has agreed with the amendment indicated in the annexed Schedule, in which amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.  
 The Senate, A. J. GOULD,  
 Melbourne, 5th June, 1908. President.  
 Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration forthwith.  
 And the said amendment was read, and is as follows :—  
 Page 2, clause 5, leave out clause 5.  
 On the motion of Mr. Groom, the House agreed to the said amendment.
14. PATENT OFFICE—PARTICULARS AS TO APPLICATIONS, EXAMINERS, AND SALARIES.—Mr. Kelly moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Fuller, That a Return be laid upon the Table showing—  
 (1) How many applications for patents have been received since the establishment of the Commonwealth Patent Office.  
 (2) How many of these applications have been refused on the grounds of want of novelty.  
 (3) How many have been refused on other grounds.  
 (4) How many examiners (junior and senior) are employed in examining applications for patents.  
 (5) What is the total amount paid in salaries annually to the officers employed in examining work.  
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
15. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1908-9.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—  
 MR. SPEAKER, Message No. 42.  
 The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the 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 nine*," to which it has agreed without request.  
 The Senate, A. J. GOULD,  
 Melbourne, 5th June, 1908. President.
16. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—ELECTION EXPENSES REIMBURSEMENT BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—  
 MR. SPEAKER, Message No. 43.  
 The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the purpose of reimbursing expenses incurred by candidates in connexion with certain elections which have been declared void and in proceedings in relation thereto*," to which it has agreed without amendment.  
 The Senate, A. J. GOULD,  
 Melbourne, 5th June, 1908. President.
17. PAPER.—Sir William Lyne presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
 Department of Home Affairs—  
 Statement showing—  
 (1) New proposals in connexion with "Additions, New Works, and Buildings" for the Financial Year 1908-9, which it is considered should be commenced as early as possible after the beginning of the next Financial Year ;  
 (2) Total estimated cost of each proposal ;  
 (3) Estimated expenditure during the Financial Year 1908-9.  
 Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
18. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Sir William Lyne moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until next Tuesday week.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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19. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir William Lyne moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at four minutes past nine o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, 16th instant, at three o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Archer, Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Catts, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Deakin, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Fowler, Colonel Foxton, Mr. Frazer, Mr. Hall, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Page, Mr. Reid, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Wise.

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

## MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were received after the adjournment of the House on 5th June, 1908 :—

NORTHCOTE,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 41.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act relating to Duties of Customs,*" 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,  
Sydney, 3rd June, 1908.

NORTHCOTE,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 42.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act relating to Duties of Excise,*" 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,  
Sydney, 3rd June, 1908.

NORTHCOTE,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 43.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act to appropriate further sums for the service of the years ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and six and 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,  
Sydney, 3rd June, 1908.

NORTHCOTE,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 44.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act to appropriate further sums for the service of the years ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and six and the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and seven for purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.,*" 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,  
Sydney, 3rd June, 1908.

NORTHCOTE,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 45.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act to grant and apply an additional sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and eight,*" 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,  
Sydney, 3rd June, 1908.

NORTHCOTE,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 46.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act to grant and apply an additional sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and eight for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.,*" 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,  
Sydney, 3rd June, 1908.

## NORTHCOTE

*Governor-General.**Message No. 47.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the ' Customs Tariff 1908,'*" 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,  
Sydney, 10th June, 1908.

## NORTHCOTE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 48.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the ' Excise Tariff 1908,'*" 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,  
Sydney, 10th June, 1908

## NORTHCOTE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 49.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the payment to the several States of the Surplus Revenue of the Commonwealth,*" 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,  
Sydney, 10th June, 1908.

## NORTHCOTE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 50.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the Publication of Parliamentary Papers,*" 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,  
Sydney, 10th June, 1908.

## NORTHCOTE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 51.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the payment of Invalid and Old-age Pensions and for other purposes,*" 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,  
Sydney, 10th June, 1908.

## NORTHCOTE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 52.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of Seven hundred and fifty thousand pounds for Invalid and Old-age Pensions,*" 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,  
Sydney, 10th June, 1908

NORTHCOTE,  
*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 53.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of Two hundred and fifty thousand pounds for Harbor and Coastal Defences,*" 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,  
 Sydney, 10th June, 1908.

NORTHCOTE,  
*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 54.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the purpose of reimbursing expenses incurred by candidates in connexion with certain elections which have been declared void and in proceedings in relation thereto,*" 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,  
 Sydney, 10th June, 1908.

NORTHCOTE,  
*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 55.*

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 nine,*" 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,  
 Sydney, 10th June, 1908.