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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 10.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 1ST OCTOBER, 1908.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PUBLIC SERVICE [APPEALS] BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Hughes moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Hutchison addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 22nd instant.
3. POST OFFICES AND TELEPHONE CHARGES IN SUBURBS OF SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE—PARTICULARS AS TO.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Kelly :—That a Return be laid upon the Table of the House showing, of the suburbs in Sydney and Melbourne, where post-offices are located, and of a radius within one mile of the said post-offices—
 - (1) The charge for an exclusive telephone service.
 - (2) The charge for a service on a two-party line.
 - (3) The charge for a service on a four-party line.
 - (4) The grade or class of the post-office in each suburb.
 - (5) The distance of each said post-office from the General Post-office, of Sydney or Melbourne, as the case may be.

Mr. Fowler moved, as an amendment, That the words "in Sydney and Melbourne" be omitted from the motion, and that the words "of the six State capitals" be inserted in place thereof, and that the words "Sydney or Melbourne, as the case may be" be omitted, and that the words "the capital of its State" be inserted in place thereof.

Debate continued.

And the question having been amended as proposed—

Question—That a Return be laid upon the Table of the House showing, of the suburbs of the six State capitals where post-offices are located, and of a radius within one mile of the said post-offices—

- (1) The charge for an exclusive telephone service.
- (2) The charge for a service on a two-party line.
- (3) The charge for a service on a four-party line.
- (4) The grade or class of the post-office in each suburb.
- (5) The distance of each said post-office from the General Post-office of the capital of its State—

put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. SENATE ELECTIONS—DIVISION OF EACH STATE INTO THREE ELECTORATES.—Sir John Forrest moved, pursuant to notice, That, with the object of securing to a much greater extent than at present a representation in the Senate of members personally known to and identified with the electors they represent, and in order to terminate at once a system which must be found more inequitable and impracticable, especially in the larger States, as population increases, the time has arrived when, under the powers given to the Parliament by section 7 of the Constitution, the system hitherto in force of having one electorate for the whole of each State, for the election of Senators, should cease and that the following be substituted :—

That for the elections for Senators, each State be divided into three electorates, each electorate returning two Senators, in the case of a general election in which the whole six Senators are to be elected, and one Senator each, in the case of the periodical elections for the Senate.

Mr. Hedges 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 Thursday, 15th instant.

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5. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT BILL (1908).—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. Hans Irvine moved, That all the words after the word "That" be omitted from the motion with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof:—"in the opinion of this House, a further opportunity should be afforded of taking a ballot on other positions besides Dalgety for the Seat of Government before this Bill be further proceeded with."

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided—

Ayes, 19.		Noes, 26.	
Mr. Catts	Mr. Mahon	Mr. Archer	Mr. Kelly
Mr. Hume Cook	Mr. Maloney	Mr. Tilley Brown	Mr. Knox
Mr. Coon	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Thomas Brown	Sir William Lyne
Mr. Deakin	Mr. Mauger	Mr. Carr	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Ewing	Mr. Sampson	Mr. Chanter	Mr. Reid
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Storrer	Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Sinclair
Sir John Forrest		Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Spence
Mr. Frazer	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Foster	Mr. Dugald Thomson
Mr. Groom	Mr. Crouch	Mr. Fuller	Mr. John Thomson
Mr. Hedges	Mr. Wise	Sir Philip Fysh	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Hutchison		Mr. Glynn	
		Mr. Hall	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Hughes	Mr. Bowden
		Mr. Hans Irvine	Mr. Wilks

And so it passed in the negative.

And the words proposed to be inserted having been so inserted—

Question—That, in the opinion of this House, a further opportunity should be afforded of taking a ballot on other positions besides Dalgety for the Seat of Government before this Bill be further proceeded with—after debate, put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business Nos. 2, 3, and 4 be postponed until after the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 5 and 6.

7. PARLIAMENTARY WITNESSES BILL—SENATE'S REQUEST FOR RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION OF.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Message from the Senate requesting the resumption by the House of the consideration of this Bill, which was transmitted to the House for concurrence during the last Session of the Parliament, and the proceedings on which were interrupted by the Prorogation of the Parliament—

Mr. Groom moved, That the request of the Senate, contained in its Message No. 1, for the resumption by the House of the consideration of the Parliamentary Witnesses Bill, be complied with, and that a Message be transmitted to the Senate acquainting it therewith.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Groom moved, That the further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the whole House (the stage which the Bill had reached last Session) be made an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

8. BILLS OF EXCHANGE BILL—SENATE'S REQUEST FOR RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION OF.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Message from the Senate requesting the resumption by the House of the consideration of this Bill, which was transmitted to the House for concurrence during the last Session of the Parliament, and the proceedings on which were interrupted by the Prorogation of the Parliament—

Mr. Groom moved, That the request of the Senate, contained in its Message No. 2, for the resumption by the House of the consideration of the Bills of Exchange Bill, be complied with, and that a Message be transmitted to the Senate acquainting it therewith.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Groom moved, That the second reading of the Bill (the stage which the Bill had reached last Session) be made an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

9. MANUFACTURES ENCOURAGEMENT BILL.—RESUMPTION OF PROCEEDINGS AT STAGE REACHED LAST SESSION.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Sir William Lyne:—"That the proceedings on the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act for the Encouragement of Manufactures in the Commonwealth,*" which were interrupted by the Prorogation of Parliament last Session, be resumed at the stage then reached in connexion with the said Bill, and that the further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting—"

Debate resumed.

Mr. Speaker named the honorable Member for Corangamite for disregarding the authority of the Chair, but the honorable Member having apologized, the matter was not further proceeded with.

Debate continued.

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Mr. Foster moved, as an amendment, That the words "next day of sitting" be omitted from the motion, with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof:—"day after a financial statement has been made to the House."

Debate continued.

Mr. Poynton 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.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir William Lyne moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-three minutes to eleven 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. Chapman, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Liddell, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Watson.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.