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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 17.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH OCTOBER, 1908.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta (Transcontinental) Railway Survey—Progress Report by H. Deane.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. DEFENCE 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—and on the amendment moved thereto by Mr. W. H. Irvine, viz.:—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, the defence of Australia depending primarily upon control of the sea, it would be unwise to commit the country to any scheme of compulsory universal military service until Parliament is in a position to determine the naval policy of the Commonwealth”—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Johnson 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 to-morrow.
4. PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT—INVITATION TO.—Mr. Deakin read to the House a telegram from the Secretary of State for the Colonies conveying President Roosevelt's reply to the invitation forwarded to him to visit Australia.
5. MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ESTIMATES, 1908-9.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :—
DUDLEY,
Governor-General. *Message No. 2.*
In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and nine, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.
14th October, 1908.
DUDLEY,
Governor-General. *Message No. 3.*
In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and nine, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.
14th October, 1908.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, to be printed and referred to the Committee of Supply.
6. SUPPLY.—The Order of the Day for the Committee of Supply having been read—
Question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
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, forthwith, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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7. SUPPLY.—The House thereupon again 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, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

8. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Sir William Lyne moved, pursuant to notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended in order to enable all steps to be taken to obtain Supply, and to pass a Supply Bill through all its stages without delay.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

9. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—The resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read, and is as follows :—

Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Seven hundred and twenty-seven thousand seven hundred and forty-nine pounds be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year ending 30th June, 1909.

And the said resolution was adopted by the House.

10. WAYS AND MEANS.—The Order of the Day for the Committee of Ways and Means having been read—

Question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House 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, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

Resolved—That towards making good the supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year ending 30th June, 1909, a sum not exceeding Seven hundred and twenty-seven thousand seven hundred and forty-nine pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

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.

12. SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1908-9.—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 service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and nine,*" 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.

13. PAPER.—Sir William Lyne presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

The Budget, 1908-9—Papers prepared by the Honorable Sir William Lyne, K.C.M.G., for the information of honorable Members on the occasion of opening the Budget of 1908-9.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

14. 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 one o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Catts, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Foster, Mr. Harper, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Page, Sir John Quick, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Watson, Mr. Willis, and Mr. Wilson.

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