

1911.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 31.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 26TH OCTOBER, 1911.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPERS.—Mr. Thomas presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Social Insurance—Report by the Honorable Sir John Cockburn on the Conference held at The Hague, September, 1910.

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

Mr. Roberts presented, pursuant to Statute—

Defence Act—Military Forces—

Regulation No. 199 (b) Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 166.

Financial and Allowance Regulation No. 6 Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 167.

3. PEARL-SHELLING INDUSTRY—ROYAL COMMISSION.—Mr. Bamford moved, pursuant to Order, That a Royal Commission, selected from Members of this Parliament, be appointed to take into consideration all matters pertaining to the employment of white and coloured labour now, and to be employed in the Australian pearl-shelling industry, and in respect of the general conditions under which such industry is now conducted.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Greene moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 9th November next.

4. SUGAR INDUSTRY—ROYAL COMMISSION.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. McWilliams:—That a Royal Commission, consisting of five (5) Members of this House, be appointed to inquire into and report upon the Sugar Industry—Mr. W. Elliot Johnson, for Mr. McWilliams, moved, That the Order of the Day be postponed until this day week.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Deakin	Sir John Quick
Mr. R. Edwards	Mr. Ryrie
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Sinclair
Sir John Forrest	
Mr. Fowler	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Glynn	Mr. W. Elliot Johnson
Mr. Greene	Mr. McWilliams

Noes, 25.

Mr. Archibald	Mr. Ozanne
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Carr	Mr. Riley
Mr. Carr	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Frank J. Foster	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Frazer	Mr. West
Mr. Higgs	
Mr. W. J. Johnson	
Mr. Mathews	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Jensen
Mr. O'Malley	Mr. Page

And so it was negatived.

It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, Notices of Motion were called on.

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5. DEFENCE FORCES—PENSIONS.—Mr. Mathews moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, legislation should be introduced to provide a system of pensions to the members of the Defence Forces, and that the resolution be communicated to the Senate, with a request for its concurrence.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Cook moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 16th November next.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Ordered—That Notice of Motion, General Business, No. 2, be postponed until Thursday, 9th November next.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1, be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 2.

8. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ESTIMATES, 1911-12.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :—
DENMAN,

Governor-General.

Message No. 8.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six 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 twelve, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

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DENMAN,

Governor-General.

Message No. 9.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six 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 twelve, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

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Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, to be printed and referred to the Committee of Supply.

9. PAPER.—Mr. Fisher presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

The Budget, 1911-12—Papers prepared by the Right Honorable Andrew Fisher, P.C., for the information of honorable Members on the occasion of opening the Budget of 1911-12.

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

10. SUPPLY—[BUDGET STATEMENT].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. Fisher, having delivered the Budget Speech, moved, That the first item in the Estimates, under Division I.—The Parliament—namely—

The President	£1,100
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be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seventeen 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. Brown, Mr. Catts, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Fuller*, Mr. Hall, Mr. Howe, Sir William Lyne, and Mr. Webster.

* On leave.

WALTER A. GALE,
Clerk Assistant,
for Clerk of the House of Representatives.