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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 43.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER, 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. PETITION.—Mr. W. Maloney presented a Petition from Jacob Lenzer and Jacob Danglow, M.A., ministers of the Hebrew congregations at East Melbourne and St. Kilda respectively, against the provision in the Electoral Bill fixing Saturday as the day for polling, as it would disfranchise the large number of Jews who adhere to the tenets of their faith, and praying that the House will introduce amendments to avoid the conflict between their religious and civic obligations. Petition read and received.
3. TASMANIAN CUSTOMS LEAKAGE—REPORT OF ROYAL COMMISSION.—Mr. Jensen moved, pursuant to notice, That this House approves of the recommendation contained in the report of the Royal Commission on Tasmanian Customs Leakage, and on any losses the said State has suffered since the advent of Federation, which report was presented to this House and ordered to be printed on 3rd October, 1911.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Atkinson 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 next
4. COMPENSATION TO MR. A. BLACK—LOSS OWING TO MISDELIVERY OF LETTERS.—Mr. Higgs moved, pursuant to notice—
  - (1) That, in the opinion of this House, Mr. Alexander Black, of Bundaberg, should receive full compensation for the loss sustained by him through the misdelivery of a letter containing two post-office orders totalling the sum of £30 16s. 8d.
  - (2) That this House recommends to the urgent consideration of the Postmaster-General the adoption of an identification certificate as a means of providing against future losses of a character similar to the foregoing.
 Mr. Higgs 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.  
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.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day, General Business, No. 1, be postponed until Thursday next.

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6. DEFENCE FORCES—PENSIONS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Mathews :—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 resumed.

Mr. Cook moved an amendment, That the words "provide a system of pensions to", be omitted from the motion with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof :—"assure an adequate provision for the maintenance, on retirement, of".

Debate continued.

Mr. Brown 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.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 3 and 4, be postponed until Thursday, the 30th instant.

The time allowed for precedence of General Business having terminated, Government Business was called on.

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

(In the Committee.)

Consideration resumed of the motion of Mr. Fisher (*see* p. 86, *ante*), That the first item in the Estimates, under Division I.—The Parliament—namely—

The President ... .. £1,100

be agreed to.

General debate continued.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

9. PAPER.—Mr. O'Malley presented, pursuant to Statute—

Public Service Act—Regulation No. 57 Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 185.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seven 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—Sir Robert Best, Mr. Carr, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Frank J. Foster, Mr. Howe, Mr. Livingston, Sir William Lyne, and Mr. McDougall.

WALTER A. GALE,

Clerk Assistant,

for Clerk of the House of Representatives.