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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 53.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MONDAY, 4TH DECEMBER, 1911.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER.—Mr. O'Malley presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at Jervis Bay, New South Wales—For Commonwealth purposes.
3. ARBITRATION (PUBLIC SERVICE) BILL.—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.  
Debate resumed.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.  
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

*(In the Committee.)*

Clause 1 read.  
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Bamford reported accordingly.  
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. ERROR IN DIVISION LIST.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that, in the first division which took place in Committee on Thursday last in connexion with the Commonwealth Bank Bill, the Tellers for the Ayes had inadvertently recorded the name of the honorable Member for Melbourne (Mr. W. Maloney), instead of the name of the honorable Member for Coolgardie (Mr. Mahon), and that he had directed the Clerk to correct the record of the Division accordingly.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS BILL (1911).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

DENMAN,  
*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 14.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for Invalid and Old-age Pensions.

Government House,  
Melbourne, 22nd November, 1911.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

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6. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND BUILDINGS, 1909–10.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :—

DENMAN,  
*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 15.*

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 Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and ten, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Government House,  
Melbourne, 22nd November, 1911.

DENMAN,  
*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 16.*

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 Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and ten, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Government House,  
Melbourne, 22nd November, 1911.

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

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 2 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 3.

8. ELECTORAL BILL (1911).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—  
Mr. O'Malley moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Sir John Forrest 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 to-morrow.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seven minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—  
Mr. Archibald, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cann, Mr. Carr, Mr. Catts, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Cook, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Finlayson, Mr. Frank J. Foster, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Groom, Mr. Hall, Mr. Hans Irvine, Mr. Livingston, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Riley, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Ryrie, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Spence, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Webster, Mr. West, and Mr. Wise.

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*for Clerk of the House of Representatives.*