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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 29.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 8TH AUGUST, 1912.

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. Hughes presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Federal Government in Australia—Memorandum prepared by the Secretary to the Attorney-General's Department at the request of the Government of the Transvaal.
Mr. Roberts presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Defence—Extracts from the Annual Report of the Inspector-General of the Military Forces (Major-General Kirkpatrick)—30th May, 1912.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
Mr. O'Malley presented, pursuant to Statute—
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at—
Dumbleyung, Western Australia—For Postal purposes.
Hobart, Tasmania—For Postal purposes.
3. BUTTER TRADE—INQUIRY BY HIGH COMMISSIONER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Fuller:—That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should instruct the High Commissioner for Australia to make arrangements for having the fullest inquiries made into the Australian butter trade in London and the United Kingdom, having special regard to the workings and effect of the Commerce Act and the regulations thereunder, particularly the regulation on grade marking as affecting the price of Australian butter—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Higgs moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.
The House divided—

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Ozanne
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Page
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Bennett	Mr. Riley
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Brown	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Cann	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Spence
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Mahon	
Mr. W. Maloney	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Catts
Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Webster

Noes, 18.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Ryrie
Mr. Chapman	Mr. Salmon
Mr. Cook	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Deakin	Mr. Sinclair
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Bruce Smith
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Wise
Mr. Glynn	
Mr. Livingston	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Greene
Mr. Palmer	Mr. W. Elliot Johnson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 22nd instant.

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4. **MURRAY RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES—FEDERAL CONTROL OF.**—Mr. Sampson moved, pursuant to notice, That, for the purpose of enabling the Parliament of the Commonwealth to effectively legislate in respect to water conservation and irrigation, the Constitution should be amended to place under Federal control the Murray River and its tributaries.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Parker Moloney moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 28.

Noes, 15.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Page	Mr. Atkinson	Sir John Quick
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Cook	Mr. Ryrie
Mr. Bennett	Mr. Riley	Mr. Deakin	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Roberts	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Brown	Mr. Scullin	Sir John Forrest	
Mr. Cann	Mr. Laird Smith	Mr. R. W. Foster	
Mr. Catts	Mr. Spence	Mr. Fuller	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Thomas	Mr. Greene	Mr. W. Elliot Johnson
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Tudor	Mr. Palmer	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Webster		
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Wise		
Mr. W. Maloney			
Mr. Mathews	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Ozanne		
Mr. O'Malley	Mr. Watkins		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 22nd instant.

5. **POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Notice of Motion No. 2 be postponed until after the consideration of Notice of Motion No. 4.

6. **MINISTERS' TRAVELLING ALLOWANCES.**—Mr. Palmer moved, pursuant to notice, That a Return be laid upon the Table of the House showing the amount paid to Ministers of the Crown for travelling allowances during the last recess, and, in detail, the amounts paid to each Minister; also similar information and particulars relating to travelling allowances paid or due to Ministers since April, 1910.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Fisher moved amendments, That the words "and to Honorary Ministers" be inserted after the word "Crown" and that the words "or due to Ministers since April, 1910," be omitted, and that the words "to Ministers since the formation of the first Federal Ministry" be inserted in place thereof.

Debate continued.

And the proposed amendments having been agreed to—

Question—That a Return be laid upon the Table of the House showing the amount paid to Ministers of the Crown and to Honorary Ministers for travelling allowances during the last recess, and, in detail, the amounts paid to each Minister; also similar information and particulars relating to travelling allowances paid to Ministers since the formation of the first Federal Ministry—put and passed.

7. **SUPPLY ["GRIEVANCE DAY" AND ESTIMATES—ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1912-13].**—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—

Question proposed—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1912-13.

Division No. 1, Subdivision No. 3—

Consideration resumed of the motion (*see p. 83 ante*), That the Subdivision be reduced by the sum of £50,000.

Debate continued.

Question—That the Subdivision proposed to be reduced be so reduced—put.

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The Committee divided—

Ayes, 8.		Noes, 28.	
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Wise	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Mathews
Mr. McDougall		Mr. Bennett	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Ozanne	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Brown	Mr. O'Malley
Sir John Quick	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Cann	Mr. Page
Mr. Sampson	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Carr	Mr. Riley
		Mr. Caits	Mr. Roberts
		Mr. Charlton	Mr. Ryrie
		Mr. Cook	Mr. Sinclair
		Mr. Deakin	Mr. Laird Smith
		Mr. Fisher	Mr. Thomas
		Sir John Forrest	Mr. Tudor
		Mr. R. W. Foster	
		Mr. Fowler	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Fuller	Mr. Greene
		Mr. Howe	Mr. W. Elliot Johnson

And so it was negatived.

Subdivision agreed to.

Divisions No. 1A, 1B, and 2 agreed to.

Division No. 3, Subdivision No. 1, debated—

Mr. Salmon moved, That the amount of the Subdivision be reduced by £1.

Debate ensued.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after midnight—

FRIDAY, 9TH AUGUST, 1912.

Debate continued.

Mr. Cook called the attention of the Chairman to the fact that a quorum was not present.

Whereupon Mr. Poynton counted the Committee, and the bells having been rung, and a quorum of Members not having been obtained within the prescribed time—

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Poynton reported that a quorum of Members was not present in the Committee.

The bells having been rung, and a quorum not having been obtained within the prescribed time, Mr. Speaker, thereupon, at twenty-four minutes after midnight, adjourned the House until this day, at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—
Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Finlayson, Mr. Frank J. Foster, Mr. Frazer, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Groom,
Mr. Hedges*, Mr. Hans Irvine*, Mr. W. J. Johnson, Mr. Kelly, Sir William Lyne*,
and Mr. Thomson.

* On leave.

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