

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 81.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 12TH NOVEMBER, 1912.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read Prayers.
2. PETITION.—Sir John Forrest presented a Petition from 7,691 persons, residents of Western Australia, protesting against the action of the Federal Parliament in disfranchising a large number of electors on the Commonwealth Rolls who through sickness or infirmity will in future be denied the privilege of recording their votes by post, and praying that the system may be re-introduced. Petition received and read.
3. BANKRUPTCY BILL.—Mr. Hughes, pursuant to leave given on the 8th instant, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Bankruptcy*", and moved, That it be now read a first time. Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time. Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
4. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (TRADE AND COMMERCE) BILL.—Mr. Hughes, pursuant to leave given on the 8th instant, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to alter Paragraph (i.) of Section Fifty-one of the Constitution*", and moved, That it be now read a first time. Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time. Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
5. BILLS OF EXCHANGE BILL (1912).—Mr. Hughes, pursuant to leave given on the 8th instant, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Bills of Exchange Act 1909'*", and moved, That it be now read a first time. Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time. Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
6. SUPPLY [ESTIMATES, 1912-13].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

ESTIMATES, 1912-13.

Division No. 26 debated and agreed to.
Division No. 27 debated and agreed to.
Division No. 28 debated and agreed to.
Division No. 29 debated and agreed to.
Division No. 30 agreed to.
Division No. 31 debated.
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.

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7. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 2, Government Business, be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 3.
8. **DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—The following Order of the Day was, on the motion of Mr. Thomas, after debate, read and discharged :—
Northern Territory—Crown Lands Ordinance (1912)—Motion to Disallow.—Resumption of debate.
9. **PAPERS.**—Mr. Thomas presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Papua—Ordinances of 1912—
 No. 10.—Supplementary Appropriation 1909-10, No. 7.
 No. 11.—Supplementary Appropriation 1910-11, No. 8.
 No. 12.—Supply (No. 2) 1912-13.
10. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Thomas moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-eight 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. Cann, Mr. Carr, Mr. Catts, Mr. Chapman, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Hans Irvine, Mr. W. J. Johnson, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Rylie, and Mr. Laird Smith.

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