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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 32.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 2ND OCTOBER, 1913.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. Joseph Cook presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Small-pox Epidemic in Sydney—Further Letter, dated 30th September, 1913, from the Premier of New South Wales to the Prime Minister, in reference to the Board of Health resolutions favoring the withdrawal of the Quarantine Proclamation.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
Mr. Glynn presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Northern Territory—Report of the Administrator for the year 1912.
Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.
Mr. Kelly presented, pursuant to Statute—
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at—
Cunderdin, Western Australia—For Postal purposes.
Mullally, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.
Port Augusta, South Australia—For Railway purposes.
South Brisbane, Queensland—For Postal purposes.
Public Service Act—Provisional Regulation—Statutory Rules 1913, No. 256.
3. PRODUCE, INTER-STATE—INSPECTION AND CONTROL OF.—Mr. Atkinson moved, pursuant to Order, That, in the opinion of this House, the Commonwealth should forthwith take over the inspection and effective control of produce passing from State to State.
Mr. Atkinson 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 Thursday next.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 2 and 3 be postponed until Thursday, 16th instant.
5. ELECTIONS—INTERIM ANNOUNCEMENT OF VOTING.—Mr. Chapman moved, pursuant to notice, That the Electoral Act should be amended so as to provide for the counting and declaration of the votes polled at all polling booths where forty or more votes are recorded.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Roberts 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 Thursday, 23rd instant.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That Notice of Motion, General Business, No. 2 be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 6th November next.

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7. **TASMANIAN CUSTOMS LEAKAGE—RECOMMENDATION OF ROYAL COMMISSION.**—Mr. Jensen moved, pursuant to notice, That in the opinion of this House, a further sum of Four hundred thousand pounds be granted to the State of Tasmania in compliance with the recommendation on the 23rd September, 1911, of the Royal Commission appointed “to inquire into and report upon the alleged Customs Leakage of Tasmania and any losses the said State has suffered since the advent of Federation,” and that it be an instruction to the Government to take immediate steps to give effect to this resolution.
- Debate ensued.
- Mr. Kelly 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, 23rd instant.
8. **POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.**—Ordered—That Notice of Motion, General Business, No. 4 be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 6th November next, and that Notice of Motion No. 5 be postponed until Thursday, 30th instant.
9. **SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next.
- Question—put and passed.
10. **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ESTIMATES, 1913-14.**—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :—

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 Revenue and Expenditure for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fourteen, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Government House,
Melbourne, 2nd October, 1913.

DENMAN,
Governor-General.

Message No. 10.

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 fourteen, 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.

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

(*In the Committee.*)

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

The President £1,100

be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Thomson reported accordingly.

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

12. **PAPER.**—Sir John Forrest presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
The Budget, 1913-14—Papers prepared by the Right Honorable Sir John Forrest, P.C., G.C.M.G., for the information of honorable Members on the occasion of opening the Budget 1913-14.
- Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.

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13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-five minutes to six o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Kendall.

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