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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 45.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 28TH OCTOBER, 1913.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT PROCLAIMED TO NAVIGATION BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

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*Governor-General.**Message No. 16.*

The Governor-General informs the House of Representatives that the proposed law intituled "An Act relating to Navigation and Shipping", which was reserved for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure, has been laid before His Majesty in Council, and that His Majesty has, by an Order in Council, dated the 12th day of August, One thousand nine hundred and thirteen, confirmed, approved, and declared His assent to the said proposed law.

The Governor-General has caused the King's approval to be proclaimed in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette*, No. 70, dated 24th October, 1913, a copy of which proclamation is attached hereto.\*

Government House,  
Melbourne, 24th October, 1913.

\* For Proclamation and Order in Council see *Gazette*, pp. 2895-6.

3. BREACH OF PRIVILEGE.—NEWSPAPER COMMENTS ON PROGRESS OF BUSINESS IN PARLIAMENT.—Mr. Higgs complained to the House of certain statements in the *Argus* newspaper as a breach of privilege, and having produced a copy of the paper containing the statement in question and given the name of the publisher thereof, moved—That the comments of the editor of the *Argus* concerning the progress of the business of Parliament are mischievous and not calculated to assist the Government in carrying out its policy, and that the editor of the *Argus*, and Henry Burrell, the printer and publisher, are guilty of contempt.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

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## 4. PAPERS.—Sir John Forrest presented, pursuant to Statute—

Public Service Act—Promotion of T. Pittman as Clerk, 4th Class, Pensions Branch, Commonwealth Treasury, Victoria.

Mr. Wynne presented, pursuant to Statute—

Wireless Telegraphy Act—

Regulation Amended—Statutory Rules 1913, No. 222.

Regulation Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1913, No. 263.

## 5. SUPPLY [SUPPLY BILL].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

*(In the Committee.)*

And the Committee continuing to sit till after midnight—

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*Resolved*, on the motion of Sir John Forrest, after debate—That a sum not exceeding Eight hundred and twelve thousand six hundred and twenty-two pounds be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year ending 30th June, 1914.  
Resolution to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at its next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Sir John Forrest moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.  
Question—put and passed.

## 7. SUPPLY RESOLUTION. — The Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read and, on the motion of Sir John Forrest, was adopted by the House.

## 8. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

*(In the Committee.)*

*Resolved*, on the motion of Sir John Forrest—That towards making good the supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year ending 30th June, 1914, a sum not exceeding Eight hundred and twelve thousand six hundred and twenty-two pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Fowler reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at its next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read and, on the motion of Sir John Forrest, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir John Forrest and Mr. W. H. Irvine do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

9. SUPPLY BILL (NO. 4) 1913-14.—Sir John Forrest then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and fourteen*," and moved—That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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.)*

Clauses 1 to 4, inclusive, agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Fowler reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir John Forrest, the House adopted the Report

Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a third time.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-seven minutes past one o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Catts, Mr. Howe, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Orchard, and Mr. West.

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