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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 70.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 12TH DECEMBER, 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. THE LATE HONORABLE C. E. FRAZER.—Mr. Speaker announced to the House that he had received the following communication from Mrs. Frazer :—

White Hart Hotel,
Melbourne, 11th December, 1913.

THE HON. THE SPEAKER,
House of Representatives.

Mrs. C. E. Frazer desires to express her high appreciation of the resolution of sympathy passed by the House of Representatives on the occasion of the death of her husband, and to convey her sincere thanks to the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives for the kindness they have shewn her in her recent bereavement.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—AUDIT BILL (1913).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 21.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the Audit Act 1901-1912*", and acquaints the House that the Senate insists upon its amendment disagreed to by the House of Representatives. The Senate desires the reconsideration of the Bill in respect of such amendment.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 11th December, 1913.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration forthwith.
Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the Bill be laid aside.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

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4. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

DENMAN,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 26.*

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 be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the establishment of a Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and for other purposes.

Government House,
Melbourne, 12th December, 1913.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House forthwith.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Joseph Cook, after debate—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the establishment of a Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and for other purposes.
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Fowler reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.

And, on the motion of Mr. Joseph Cook, the said resolution was adopted by the House.

5. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—
Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Fisher 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 Monday next.
6. BUREAU OF AGRICULTURE 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.
Mr. Falkiner 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 Monday next.
7. SUPPLY [ESTIMATES, 1913-14].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

ESTIMATES, 1913-14.

Division No. 1—

The First Item having been agreed to, *see* page 189 *ante*—

Remainder of subdivision debated and agreed to.

Subdivision No. 2 debated and agreed to.

Subdivision No. 3 agreed to.

Division No. 2—

Subdivision No. 1 debated and agreed to.

Subdivision No. 2 debated and agreed to.

Subdivision No. 3 agreed to.

Division No. 3 debated and agreed to.

Division No. 4 debated and agreed to.

Divisions Nos. 5 to 9 agreed to.

Division No. 10 debated and agreed to.

Division No. 11 debated and agreed to.

Divisions Nos. 12, 13, and 14 agreed to.

Division No. 15—

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Fowler reported accordingly.

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

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8. **ADDITIONAL DAY OF MEETING.**—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Monday next at three o'clock p.m.
 Question—put and passed.
9. **PAPER.**—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Department of the Treasury—
 Inscribed Stock Act—Dealings and Transactions during year ended 30th June, 1913.
10. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fourteen minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Monday next, at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Ahern, Mr. Burchell, Mr. Burns, Mr. Carr, Mr. Catts, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Dankel, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Livingston, Mr. McGrath (under suspension), Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Sinclair, and Mr. Bruce Smith.

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