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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 47.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 27TH MAY, 1915.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. JOINT COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.—Mr. Charlton, Chairman of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, brought up the following Report from the Committee—
Report upon the Small Arms Factory, Lithgow.
Ordered to be printed.
3. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS.—Mr. Riley, Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, brought up the following Report from the Committee—
Report relating to the proposed increase of output of the Small Arms Factory, Lithgow.
Ordered to be printed.
4. NOTICES OF MOTION.—Notice of Motion, General Business, No. 1 postponed until Thursday, 5th August next, and No. 2, by leave, withdrawn.
5. TERRITORY ANNEXED IN THE PACIFIC—PROHIBITION OF INTOXICANTS.—Mr. W. Elliot Johnson moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the interests of sound health, good order, and effective administration, this House is of opinion that it is desirable to prohibit the supply or sale of intoxicants, other than for medicinal purposes, in any territory seized from the enemy in the Pacific and placed under the administration of the Commonwealth, and that the carrying of this resolution be an instruction to the Government to give effect to same.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Finlayson 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 next.
6. FEDERAL CAPITAL.—BUILDING OF PARLIAMENT HOUSE, ETC.—Mr. W. Elliot Johnson moved, pursuant to notice—
 - (1) That, in view of the importance of having the Commonwealth Parliament removed at the earliest opportunity from the undesirable influences inseparable from its location in any of the existing State capitals, in the opinion of this House the building of the Parliament Houses and Administrative Offices and other necessary works should be proceeded with at the earliest possible opportunity.
 - (2) That the carrying of this resolution be an instruction to the Government to take all necessary steps to expedite the construction of the necessary accommodation.
 Debate ensued.
And the motion having been, by leave, amended by omitting the words "the undesirable" in line 2—
Question—
 - (1) That, in view of the importance of having the Commonwealth Parliament removed at the earliest opportunity from influences inseparable from its location in any of the existing State capitals, in the opinion of this House the building of the Parliament Houses and Administrative Offices and other necessary works should be proceeded with at the earliest possible opportunity.
 - (2) That the carrying of this resolution be an instruction to the Government to take all necessary steps to expedite the construction of the necessary accommodation—
put and passed.

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7. **POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.**—Ordered—That General Business, Notice of Motion No. 5, be postponed until Thursday next, and No. 6 until Thursday, 22nd July next, and Order of the Day No. 1 until Thursday, 29th July next.
8. **SUPPLY [ESTIMATES 1914-15].**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

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Division No. 42, Subdivision No. 1 further debated.
 Subdivision agreed to.
 Subdivisions Nos. 2 to 4 agreed to.
 Divisions Nos. 43 to 48 agreed to.
 Division No. 49, subdivision No. 1, debated and agreed to.
 Subdivision No. 2 agreed to.
 Divisions Nos. 50 to 58 agreed to.
 Division No. 59 debated and agreed to.
 Divisions Nos. 60 to 74 agreed to.
 Division No. 75, subdivision No. 1, debated and agreed to.
 Subdivisions Nos. 2 and 3 agreed to.
 Divisions Nos. 76 to 80 agreed to.
 Division No. 81 debated and agreed to.
 Division No. 82 agreed to.
 Division No. 83, subdivision No. 1, debated and agreed to.
 Subdivision No. 2 agreed to.
 Division No. 83A agreed to.
 Division No. 83B debated and agreed to.
 Division No. 84, subdivision No. 1, debated and agreed to.
 Subdivision No. 2 agreed to.
 Subdivision No. 3 debated and agreed to.
 Division No. 85, subdivision No. 1, agreed to.
 Subdivision No. 2 debated and agreed to.
 Divisions Nos. 86 and 87 agreed to.
 Division No. 88, subdivision No. 1, debated and agreed to.
 Subdivision No. 2 agreed to.
 Division No. 89, subdivision No. 1, debated—
 Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

9. **ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.**—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until half-past eleven o'clock a.m. to-morrow.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.
10. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Abbott, Mr. Carr, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Fleming, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Greene, Mr. Groom, Mr. Orchard, Colonel Ryrie*, Mr. Sharpe, and Mr. Stumm.

* On leave.

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