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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 26.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH SEPTEMBER, 1917.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Northern Territory—Ordinance No. 8 of 1917—Liquor.
Public Service Act—
Promotion of C. L. Westbrook, Department of the Treasury.
Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1917, No. 214.
3. WAR LOAN (UNITED KINGDOM) BILL (1917).—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 9—
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Debate resumed on the following motion of Sir John Forrest—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *War Loan (United Kingdom) Act 1914-1916* and the *War Loan (United Kingdom) Act 1915-1916*.

Motion agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

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.

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

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

Sir John Forrest then brought up the Bill accordingly, 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.

Debate ensued.

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.*)

Bill agreed to, and to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir John Forrest, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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4. LOAN BILL (1917).—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 25—
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, on the motion of Sir John Forrest, after debate—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of the sum of One million eight hundred and sixty-two thousand pounds for certain purposes.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

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.

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

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

Sir John Forrest then brought up the Bill accordingly, 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.

Debate ensued.

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.)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2 debated and agreed to.

Clause 3 agreed to.

Schedule—

Debate ensued.

Ordered—That the Schedule be put in Departments.

UNDER CONTROL OF DEPARTMENT OF WORKS AND RAILWAYS.

Mr. Gregory moved, That Item "General Arsenal—Works and Buildings, including erection of residential quarters—towards cost, £100,000" be reduced by £1,000.

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.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—
Lieut.-Colonel Abbott^a, Mr. Bamford, Mr. Burchell^a, Mr. Considine, Mr. Falkiner, Mr. Fleming^a,
Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Higgs, Mr. Lynch, Mr. McDonald^a, Mr. McGrath^a, Mr. McWilliams,
Brigadier-General Ryrie^a, Mr. Salmon^a, Mr. Sampson, and Mr. Yates^a.

* On leave.

(a) Joined Australian Imperial Expeditionary Forces.

WALTER A. GALE,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.