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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

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No. 18.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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THURSDAY, 20TH JUNE, 1901.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES.—The following Warrant, nominating Temporary Chairmen of Committees, was laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker :—

*The Parliament of the Commonwealth.*

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Pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order numbered 25, I do hereby nominate—

The Honorable Egerton Lee Batchelor,  
John Waters Kirwan, Esquire,  
Charles McDonald, Esquire,  
The Honorable Frederick William Piesse,  
The Honorable Charles Carty Salmon, and  
Vaiben Louis Solomon, Esquire,

to act as Temporary Chairmen of Committees when requested so to do by the Chairman of Committees.

Given under my hand this nineteenth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and one.

F. W. HOLDER,  
Speaker.

3. ADJOURNMENT MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Cameron rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The sufficiency or otherwise of the swearing-in by His Excellency the Governor-General of honorable Members of this House on the 9th May last." Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and five Members having accordingly risen—  
Mr. Cameron moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until after the consideration of Notice of Motion, No. 1, General Business.

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5. PAYMENT OF MEMBERS' ALLOWANCE TO MINISTERS OF STATE.—Mr. Glynn moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the Ministers of State should not in addition to their salaries receive the allowance of £400 a year payable under section 48 of *The Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act*.

Debate ensued.

Sir John Quick moved, That the question be amended by inserting after the word "House" the words "the provision of section 48 of *The Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act* ought to be altered so as to provide that."

Debate continued.

Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Question put—That, in the opinion of this House, the Ministers of State should not in addition to their salaries receive the allowance of £400 a year payable under section 48 of *The Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act*.

The House divided—

Ayes, 22.		Noes, 30.	
Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. Poynton,	Mr. Bamford,	Mr. McCay,
Sir Langdon Bonython,	Sir John Quick,	Mr. Chanter,	Mr. McDonald,
Sir Edward Braddon,	Mr. Salmon,	Mr. Chapman,	Sir Malcolm McEacharn,
Mr. G. B. Edwards,	Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Clarke,	Mr. O'Malley,
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. E. Solomon,	Mr. Hume Cook,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. V. L. Solomon,	Mr. Winter Cooke,	Mr. Paterson,
Mr. Kirwan,	Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Tudor,	Mr. Cruickshank,	Mr. Sawers,
Mr. A. McLean,	Mr. Willis.	Mr. R. Edwards,	Mr. Skene,
Sir William McMillan,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Spence,
Mr. Piesse,	Mr. Glynn,	Mr. A. C. Groom,	Mr. Watson.
	Mr. Thomson.	Mr. W. H. Groom,	
		Mr. Harper,	
		Mr. Higgins,	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Hughes,	
		Mr. Knox,	Mr. Conroy,
		Mr. Manifold,	Mr. Mauger.

And so it passed in the negative.

6. PUBLIC SERVICE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Chanter reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

7. MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members present except—The Minister of Home Affairs (The Honorable Sir William Lyne, K.C.M.G.), and the Minister of Defence (The Right Honorable Sir John Forrest, P.C., G.C.M.G.), and Messrs. Brown, Fuller, Kennedy, Macdonald-Paterson, McColl, F. E. McLean, Reid, Bruce Smith, Watkins, Wilkinson, and Wilks.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Barton moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

GEORGE H. JENKINS,  
*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*