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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 167.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 24TH APRIL, 1902.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITIONS.—Mr. O'Malley presented Petitions, praying that the House will pass with the least possible delay the necessary legislation for giving women the franchise for both Houses of the Commonwealth Parliament, on the same terms as it is now or may hereafter be granted to men :—
 - From Jessie S. Rooke and Sarah Wilkins, styling themselves respectively President and Recording Secretary of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Tasmania, and others.
 - From A. H. Aspinall and G. T. Taylor, of the Southern Cross District Independent Order of Rechabites, Tasmania.
 - From D. Storrer, of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania Independent Order of Good Templars.
 - From Edwd. A. Betts and John Shepherd, of the Tasmania District Independent Order of Rechabites.
 Petitions severally received.
3. PAPER.—Mr. Barton presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 - Supply of Meat to Troops in South Africa—Tender of M. Bergl and Company, and letters relating thereto.
 Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
4. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Fuller 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 disastrous effects of the drought and the necessity for remitting the duties on forage for a period."
 - 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. Fuller moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 - Debate ensued.
 - Question—put and negatived.
5. FRANCHISE BILL (No. 2).—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 gone through the Bill and agreed to the same with amendments.
 - Sir William Lyne moved, by leave, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clause 3.
 - Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 - 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 reconsidered clause 3, and had agreed to the same with further amendments.
 - On the motion of Sir William Lyne the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Bill to be passed through its remaining stages this day.
 - On the motion of Sir William Lyne the House adopted the Report.
 - Sir William Lyne moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
 - Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

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6. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. V. L. Solomon reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution.
Sir George Turner moved, pursuant to notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended in order to enable all steps to be taken to obtain Supply, and to pass a Supply Bill through all its stages without delay.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
On the motion of Sir George Turner the House ordered that the Report be considered this day.
Mr. V. L. Solomon also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, 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. SUPPLY.—Mr. V. L. Solomon reported from the Committee of Supply a certain resolution, which was read, and is as follows :—
Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Two hundred and eighty-two thousand eight hundred and thirty-four pounds be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services for the year ending 30th June, 1902.
And the said resolution was adopted by the House.
8. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. V. L. Solomon reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution.
On the motion of Sir George Turner the House ordered that the Report be considered this day.
Mr. V. L. Solomon also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
9. WAYS AND MEANS.—Mr. V. L. Solomon reported from the Committee of Ways and Means a certain resolution, which was read, and is as follows :—
Resolved—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year ending 30th June, 1902, the sum of Two hundred and eighty-two thousand eight hundred and thirty-four pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.
And the said resolution was adopted by the House.
Ordered—That Sir George Turner and Mr. Deakin do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.
10. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 8).—Sir George Turner then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of Two hundred and eighty-two thousand eight hundred and thirty-four pounds to the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and two,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Sir George Turner moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
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 gone through the Bill and agreed to the same without amendment.
On the motion of Sir George Turner the House adopted the Report.
Sir George Turner moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.
11. ALTERATION OF TIME OF NEXT MEETING.—Sir George Turner moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Two o'clock p.m. to-morrow.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
12. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir George Turner moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
- And then the House, at three minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow, at two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Messrs. Brown, Cameron, Cruickshank, Ewing, Fisher, Glynn, Harper, Hartnoll, McColl, Sir Malcolm McEacharn, Mr. F. E. McLean, the Right Honorable G. H. Reid, P.C., Messrs. Salmon, and Bruce Smith.

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