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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 211.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 23RD SEPTEMBER, 1902.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE ACTING GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Acting Governor-General were presented by Sir George Turner, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :—

TENNYSON,

*Acting Governor-General.**Message No. 58.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of The Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia the Acting Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the Year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and three, and Estimates of Expenditure for Arrears of the period ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and two, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Melbourne, 23rd September, 1902.

TENNYSON,

*Acting Governor-General.**Message No. 59.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of The Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia the Acting Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works, and Buildings for the Year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and three, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Melbourne, 23rd September, 1902.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, to be printed and referred to the Committee of Supply this day.

3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE ACTING GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Acting Governor-General was presented by Mr. Kingston, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

TENNYSON,

*Acting Governor-General.**Message No. 60.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act relating to Duties of Customs*," as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Acting Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
Melbourne, 16th September, 1902.

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4. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE ACTING GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—CLAIMS AGAINST THE COMMONWEALTH BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Acting Governor-General was presented by Mr. Deakin, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

TENNYSON,

*Acting Governor-General.**Message No. 61.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of The Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia the Acting Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to make temporary provision for enforcing claims against the Commonwealth.

Government House,
Melbourne, 23rd September, 1902.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

5. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE ACTING GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—PARLIAMENTARY ALLOWANCES BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Acting Governor-General was presented by Sir William Lyne, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

TENNYSON,

*Acting Governor-General.**Message No. 62.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of The Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia the Acting Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act relating to the Allowance to Members of each House of the Parliament of the Commonwealth.

Government House,
Melbourne, 23rd September, 1902.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

6. PAPERS.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Acting Governor-General—Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief—Additional Instructions to.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Kingston presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—

Excise Act 1901 and Beer Excise Act 1901.—Regulations dated 11th September, 1902.
Excise Act 1901 and Excise Tariff 1902.—New Sugar Regulation (No. 38).

The following Papers were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—

Officers of Permanent Defence Forces.—Return to an Order of the House dated 30th August, 1901.

Patents and Trade Marks applied for.—Return to an Order of the House dated 2nd April, 1902.

7. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Chanter reported that the Committee had agreed 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.
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. Chanter also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved, That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

8. SUPPLY.—Mr. Chanter reported from the Committee of Supply a certain resolution, which was read, and is as follows :—

Resolved—That a sum not exceeding One million three hundred and sixty-five thousand five hundred and ninety-seven pounds be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services for the year ending 30th June, 1903.

And the said resolution was adopted by the House.

9. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Chanter reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.

On the motion of Sir George Turner the House ordered that the Report be considered this day.

Mr. Chanter also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

23rd September, 1902.

10. WAYS AND MEANS.—Mr. Chanter 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, 1903, a sum not exceeding One million three hundred and sixty-five thousand five hundred and ninety-seven 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.

11. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 2 of 1902-3).—Sir George Turner then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of One million three hundred and sixty-five thousand five hundred and ninety-seven pounds to the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and three,*" 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.

12. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—The Prime Minister* (the Right Honorable Sir Edmund Barton, P.C., G.C.M.G.), the Minister of Defence* (the Right Honorable Sir John Forrest, P.C., G.C.M.G.), Mr. Bamford, the Right Honorable Sir Edward Braddon, P.C., K.C.M.G.,* Messrs. Cameron, Chapman,* Winter Cooke, Cruickshank,* Fisher,* A. C. Groom, Harper,* Hartnoll, Hughes, Kennedy, Knox,* Macdonald-Paterson, McColl, F. E. McLean, Sir William McMillan, K.C.M.G., Messrs. Phillips, Skene, Bruce Smith,* Sydney Smith, Spence, and Watkins.

* On leave.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.