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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 14.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 18TH JUNE, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. **ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.**—Mr. Sydney Smith 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 delay in the preparation of, and the incompleteness of, the Federal electors' rolls."
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. Sydney Smith moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Sir William Lyne addressing the House, and not having, in compliance with Standing Order No. 39, concluded his speech within fifteen minutes, the honorable Member was, by leave of the House, allowed to continue his speech.
Debate continued.
Question—That the House do now adjourn—put and negatived.
3. **PAPERS.**—Sir John Forrest presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Defence Forces—Victorian Military Forces—Alteration in General Regulations—Part I., section II., sub-section (1), paragraph 6.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk—
Telephones Relinquished in Tasmania.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 12th June, 1903.
4. **JUDICIARY 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 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.
5. **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CANADIAN-AUSTRALIAN MAIL CONTRACT.**—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 4.

The Senate has this day agreed to the following resolutions:—

(1) That the Senate approves of an extension, for a period of two years, of the arrangements entered into on the 5th day of June, 1899, and the 10th day of August, 1899, by the Governments of New South Wales and Queensland respectively, for the carriage of mails between Australia, Fiji, and Canada by the steamers of the Canadian-Australian Royal Mail Line, upon the following terms:—

(a) That the amount of subsidy payable by the Commonwealth be increased by a sum of £6,363 12s. 9d., being the Commonwealth proportion of a total increase of £16,000.

(b) That provision be made for the efficiency of the vessels employed in such service.

(2) That this resolution be communicated by message to the House of Representatives.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 18th June, 1903.

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6. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that His Excellency the Governor-General would to-morrow, at ten minutes past three o'clock, at the old Treasury Buildings, receive the Address in Reply passed by this House.
7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Joseph Cook, Mr. Winter Cooke, Mr. R. Edwards*, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Knox*, Mr. Macdonald-Paterson*, Mr. F. E. McLean, Sir William McMillan, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. E. Solomon, and Mr. V. L. Solomon.

* On leave.

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