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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 67.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITION.—Mr. Batchelor presented a Petition from 816 members of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers and other kindred trades, praying that the House will take into its consideration at an early date the question of the amendment of the present Patent laws, the adoption of a uniform Patent Law throughout the Commonwealth, and the issue of free letters patent. Petition received and read.
3. PAPERS.—Sir John Forrest presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
Public Service Act 1902—
Papers in connexion with the appointment of Frank Gossler to the office of Linotype Engineer (Professional Division) in the Government Printing Office.
Return of Temporary Employés in the Commonwealth Public Service for the half-year ended 30th June, 1903.
4. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTIONS.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee of Ways and Means having been read—the said resolutions were read, and are as follow:—
Resolved—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year ending 30th June, 1904, a sum not exceeding Two million six hundred and forty-eight thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.
Resolved—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, and Buildings, for the year ending 30th June, 1904, a sum not exceeding Four hundred and twenty-two thousand two hundred and eighty-three pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.
And the said resolutions were adopted by the House.
Ordered—That Sir George Turner do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing resolutions.
5. APPROPRIATION BILL 1903-4.—Sir George Turner then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and four and to appropriate the supplies granted for such year in this session of the Parliament,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
6. APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1903-4.—Sir George Turner also brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and four for the purposes of Additions, New Works, and Buildings,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
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 made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 3).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 22.

The Senate has agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and four,*" without requests.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 24th September, 1903.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

9. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Chanter reported that the Committee had agreed to certain resolutions.
Ordered—That the consideration of the resolutions be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
10. PATENTS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time having been read—
Debate resumed.
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 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, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
11. PAPER.—Sir Philip Fysh presented by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Penny Postage between Great Britain and Australia—Copy of correspondence relative to the question of the establishment of.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
12. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Bamford, Sir Edmund Barton, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Cruickshank, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Harper, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. F. E. McLean, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Reid, Mr. Salmon, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. V. L. Solomon, and Mr. Thomas.

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