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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 77.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 21ST OCTOBER, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Transcontinental Railway—Correspondence between the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth
and the Premier of South Australia with reference to.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Fowler 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 question of the survey and construction of the proposed
Transcontinental Railway to Western Australia."
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. Fowler moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Sir John Forrest 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.
Mr. Kingston 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.
It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, in accordance with Standing
Order No. 119, the debate was interrupted, and the Orders of the Day were called on.
Mr. Deakin moved, That the debate upon the motion for adjournment be continued until five o'clock.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Debate continued.
Mr. Kirwan 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.
At five o'clock the debate was interrupted by the Orders of the Day being called on.
4. DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY—APPROPRIATION BILL 1903-4.—Mr. Deakin moved, by leave,
That the Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Senate's
Message No. 34 be read and discharged, and that the Appropriation Bill 1903-4 be laid aside.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS IN CONNEXION WITH APPROPRIATION BILL 1903-4 (No. 2).—Mr.
Deakin moved, by leave—
 - (1) That the Standing Orders be suspended in order to enable the Treasurer to move that all the
resolutions of the House and Committee be rescinded relating to the Appropriation Bill
1903-4 from and after the resolution referring the Estimates as received from the
Governor-General to the Committee of Supply, and to enable a new Bill to be introduced
and passed through all its stages without delay.
 - (2) That the resolutions of the House and Committee relating to the Appropriation Bill 1903-4
from and after the resolution referring the Estimates as received from the Governor-
General to the Committee of Supply be rescinded, and that the House do now resolve
itself into Committee of Supply to consider the Estimates.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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6. SUPPLY.—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

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

Mr. Watson moved, That the Estimates be now recommitted to the Committee of Supply for the reconsideration of Division 1.—The Parliament—Item—"President's Messenger, £204."

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Chanter reported that the Committee had reconsidered the portion of the Estimates referred to it, and had agreed to the same without amendment.

Ordered—That the Reports be considered forthwith.

And the resolution was read, and is as follows:—

ESTIMATES, 1903-4.

Resolved—That, including the several sums already voted in this present Session of Parliament for such services, the following sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1903-4 for the several services hereunder specified, viz.:—

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I. The Parliament	30,305
II. The Department of External Affairs ...	38,235
III. The Attorney-General's Department ...	7,165
IV. The Department of Home Affairs ...	213,139
V. The Department of the Treasury ...	35,678
Refunds of Revenue	55,000
Advance to the Treasurer	200,000
VI. The Department of Trade and Customs ...	260,196
VII. The Department of Defence	677,579
VIII. The Postmaster-General's Department ...	2,460,299

And the said resolution was adopted by the House.

7. WAYS AND MEANS.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Ways and Means for raising the Supply granted to His Majesty.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

8. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House accordingly 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 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, 1904, a sum not exceeding Two million six hundred and forty-eight thousand four hundred and thirty-seven pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

And the said resolution was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Deakin and Sir George Turner do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

9. APPROPRIATION BILL 1903-4 (No. 2).—Mr. Deakin 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.

Mr. Deakin 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 Mr. Deakin the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Deakin moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—PATENTS BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER.

Message No. 37.

The Senate has considered Message No. 34 of the House of Representatives, in reference to the Bill for "*An Act relating to Patents of Inventions,*" and acquaints the House that the Senate does not insist upon its disagreement to Amendment No. 19 of the House of Representatives, and has agreed to the amendment of that House in new clause 28A.

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President.

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11. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—RULES PUBLICATION BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 38.

The Senate has agreed to the Bill returned herewith intituled "A Bill for an Act for the Publication of Statutory Rules" with the amendments indicated in the annexed Schedule, in which amendments the Senate desires the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

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Melbourne, 21st October, 1903.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration forthwith in Committee of the whole House.

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 agreed to the amendments, which are as follow :—

No. 1.—Page 2, after clause 5, insert the following new clause :—

"5A. Any printed paper, purporting to be a copy of statutory rules made by a rule-making authority, and to be printed by the Government Printer, shall in all Courts within the Commonwealth be evidence that such statutory rules have been duly made by the rule-making authority and are in force." Proof of statutory rules.

No. 2.—Page 2, clause 6, line 40, leave out "notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained".

On the motion of Mr. Deakin, the House adopted the Report.

12. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—SEAT OF GOVERNMENT BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 39.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to determine the Seat of Government of the Commonwealth," and acquaints the House that the Senate insists upon its amendments disagreed to by the House of Representatives and disagrees to the amendment of the House of Representatives in the words proposed to be left out by Amendment No. 2 of the Senate.

The Senate desires the reconsideration of the Bill in respect of such amendments.

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R. C. BAKER,
President.

Mr. Deakin moved, That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

Debate ensued.

Mr. McDonald moved, as an amendment, That the words "Tuesday next" be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the word "to-morrow" in place thereof.

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next—put and resolved in the affirmative.

13. APPROACHING DEPARTURE OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General in consequence of his approaching departure from the Commonwealth.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Deakin moved, That the following Address be agreed to :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We, the members of the House of Representatives in Parliament assembled, desire to express to Your Excellency our deep sense of the services rendered by you to the people of the Commonwealth during your term of office as Governor-General, and our sincere regret at your impending departure from Australia.

The high duties whose discharge you are about to relinquish carried with them many obligations especially onerous in these the early days of our national existence.

Your Excellency's position has been arduous, but large as have been its demands, you have, with the devoted assistance of Her Excellency, maintained its dignity most amply; fulfilling all public and social responsibilities with a tact, ability, and courtesy which have won the respect and esteem of the whole community.

In offering to Lady Tennyson and yourself our heartfelt wishes for your health and happiness, we feel confident that we are giving expression to the universal feeling of the people of Australia.

And other Honorable Members having spoken in support of the motion—

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

14. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the consideration of the other remaining business be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 4.
15. AMENDMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATIONS—SENATE'S MESSAGE NO. 21.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Senate's Message No. 21 having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Chanter reported that the Committee had dealt with the amendments as follows:—

SCHEDULE OF AMENDMENTS AGREED TO BY THE SENATE.

No. 1.—Page 1, Regulation 4, line 15, omit "half an hour," insert "three quarters of an hour."

No. 2.—Page 4, Regulation 66, line 1, after "officer" insert "having already worked six days during the week in addition thereto."

No. 3.—Page 4, Regulation 66, line 3, omit "a," insert "one and one half."

No. 4.—Page 9, Regulation 149, in column "Daily Allowance," omit "7s.," insert "8s."

No. 5.—Page 9, Regulation 149, in column "Daily Allowance," omit "6s.," insert "7s."

The Committee had agreed to all the amendments except amendment No. 1, to which they had disagreed.

On the motion of Mr. Watson, the House adopted the Report.

16. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—APPROPRIATION BILL 1903-4 (No. 2).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 40.

The Senate has agreed to the Bill returned herewith, 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,*" without requests.

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Melbourne, 21st October, 1903.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

17. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at two o'clock p.m.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-one minutes to one o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Bamford, Mr. Batchelor, Sir Edward Braddon, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Ewing, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. A. C. Groom, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hartnoll, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Manifold, Mr. McColl, Mr. F. E. McLean, Sir William McMillan, Mr. Page, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Reid, Mr. Salmon, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Watkins.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.