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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 31.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH JUNE, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Sir John Forrest 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 intention of the Postmaster-General not to recognise military prefixes or titles conferred by the Crown under the law upon officers holding appointments in the Postal Department."  
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and five Members having accordingly risen—  
Sir John Forrest moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 119, in order that the Orders of the Day might be called on.
3. MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND BUILDINGS, 1903-4.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented by Mr. Watson, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker:—

NORTHCOTE,  
*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 3.*

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

Melbourne, 8th June, 1904.

NORTHCOTE,  
*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 4.*

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

Melbourne, 8th June, 1904.

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

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4. SUPPLY.—The Order of the Day for the Committee of Supply having been read—  
 Question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and resolved in the affirmative.  
 Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.  
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had agreed to certain resolutions.  
 Mr. Watson moved, pursuant to notice *amended*, That the Standing Orders be suspended in order to enable all steps to be taken to obtain Supply and to pass the necessary Bills through all their stages without delay.  
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.  
 Mr. Salmon 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.

5. SUPPLY RESOLUTIONS—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND BUILDINGS, 1903-4.—The resolutions reported from the Committee of Supply were read, and are as follow :—

## SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1903-4.

*Resolved*—That the following further sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1903-4 for the several services hereunder specified, viz. :—

	£
i. The Parliament .. .. .	544
ii. The Department of External Affairs .. .. .	30
iii. The Attorney-General's Department .. .. .	2,169
iv. The Department of Home Affairs .. .. .	17,070
v. The Department of the Treasury .. .. .	2,117
vi. The Department of Trade and Customs .. .. .	23,277
vii. The Department of Defence .. .. .	9,683
viii. The Postmaster-General's Department .. .. .	82,326

## SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, AND BUILDINGS, 1903-4.

*Resolved*—That the following further sum be granted to His Majesty for the several services hereunder specified for the year 1903-4, viz. :—

	£
Additions, New Works, and Buildings .. .. .	42,294

And the said resolutions were adopted by the House.

6. WAYS AND MEANS.—The Order of the Day for the Committee of Ways and Means having been read—  
 Question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and resolved in the affirmative.  
 Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.  
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had agreed to certain resolutions.  
 Mr. Salmon 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.
7. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTIONS.—The resolutions reported from the Committee of Ways and Means were read, and are as follow :—

## SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1903-4.

*Resolved*—That towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year ending 30th June, 1904, a sum not exceeding One hundred and thirty-seven thousand two hundred and sixteen pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

## SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1903-4, FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, AND BUILDINGS.

*Resolved*—That towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, and Buildings, for the year ending 30th June, 1904, a sum not exceeding Forty-two thousand two hundred and ninety-four pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

And the said resolutions were adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Watson do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing resolutions.

8. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 1903-4.—Mr. Watson then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a further sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and four,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.  
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.  
 Mr. Watson 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.

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and agreed to the same with an amendment.

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

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

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

9. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1903-4.—Mr. Watson also brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a further sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and four for 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.

Mr. Watson 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 into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and agreed to the same without amendment.

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

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

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

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Watson moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Brown, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Joseph Cook, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Sir George Turner, and Mr. Wilks.

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