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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 55.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH JULY, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1904-5, AND FURTHER SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 1902-3.—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. 11.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of 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 five.

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NORTHCOTE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 12.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to appropriate a further sum to the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and three.

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Severally ordered to lie on the Table and to be referred to the Committee of Supply.

3. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, 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.
4. SUPPLY RESOLUTIONS.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1904-5, AND FURTHER SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 1902-3.—Mr. Salmon reported from the Committee of Supply certain resolutions, which were read, and are as follow :—

SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1904-5.

Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Three hundred and seventeen thousand three hundred and eighty-seven pounds be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year ending 30th June, 1905.

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FURTHER SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 1902-3.

Resolved—That the following further sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1902-3 for the several services hereunder specified, viz. :—

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i. The Parliament	39
iv. The Department of Home Affairs	47
v. The Department of the Treasury	2,565
vii. The Department of Defence—	

South Australian Military Forces.

Division No. 130.

Active Forces.

Subdivision No. 1.—Pay.

Special Duty Pay as per Regulations *

Division No. 131.

Reserve Force.

Subdivision No. 1.—Pay.

Special Duty Pay as per Regulations

* Payable out of amount provided under corresponding Division and Subdivision of the Second Schedule to the Appropriation Act 1902-3.

viii. The Postmaster-General's Department 3,000

And the said resolutions were adopted by the House.

5. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, 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.

6. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTIONS.—Mr. Salmon reported from the Committee of Ways and Means certain resolutions, which were read, and are as follow :—

SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1904-5.

Resolved—That towards making good the supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year ending 30th June, 1905, a sum not exceeding Three hundred and seventeen thousand three hundred and eighty-seven pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

FURTHER SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 1902-3.

Resolved—That towards making good the further supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year ended 30th June, 1903, a sum not exceeding Five thousand six hundred and fifty-one 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.

7. SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1904-5.—Mr. Watson then brought up a Bill 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 five,*" 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.

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.

8. FURTHER SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 1902-3.—Mr. Watson also brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to appropriate a further sum for the service of the year ended 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.

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.

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.

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9. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.—PROCEDURE FOR BALLOT.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question :—

(1) That this House do at its next sitting proceed to determine the opinion of Members as to the district in New South Wales in which the Seat of Government of the Commonwealth should be situated.

(2) That the selection be made from among the districts mentioned in the Schedule hereto.

(3) That the following be the method of selection, and that so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the House from adopting such method :—

An open exhaustive ballot shall be taken without debate in the following manner :—

(a) Ballot-papers shall be distributed to honorable Members, containing the names of the sites mentioned in the Schedule hereto.

(b) Members shall place a cross opposite the name of the site for which they desire to vote, and shall sign the paper.

(c) The ballot-papers shall then be examined by the Clerk.

(d) If, on the first examination, any site proves to have received an absolute majority of votes, the Speaker shall report the name of such site to the House, and such site shall be deemed to be the one preferred by honorable Members.

(e) If no site receives an absolute majority of votes, then the name of the site receiving the smallest number of votes shall be reported to the House and shall be struck out.

(f) If any two of the sites should receive an equal number of votes, such number of votes being the smallest, then the House shall ascertain in the customary manner which of such sites should, in the opinion of honorable Members, be further balloted for, and the name of the other shall be struck out.

(g) A further ballot shall then be taken on the names of the remaining sites, and the name of the site receiving the majority of votes shall be reported to the House by the Speaker, and such site shall be deemed to be the site preferred by honorable Members.

(h) The total number of votes given for each site shall be reported to the House after each ballot.

(i) The House shall thereupon resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

SCHEDULE.

Southern District (comprising an area of land within a radius of fifty miles from Batlow).

South-Eastern District (comprising an area of land within a radius of fifty miles from Bombala).

Western District (comprising an area of land within a radius of fifty miles from Lyndhurst)—

Mr. Watson moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the Schedule :—

“Provided that immediately before the ballot on the districts takes place, a preliminary ballot shall be taken for each district by the method aforesaid to determine which site in the district preferred in the district ballot shall be inserted in the Bill in Committee. The ballot in each district shall be on the sites mentioned in the following Schedule :—Southern—Batlow, Tumut, Welaregang. South-Eastern—Bombala, Dalgety. Western—Lyndhurst, Orange.”

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. McWilliams,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. G. B. Edwards,	Mr. Robinson,
Mr. R. Edwards,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Spence,
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Gibb,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Johnson,	Mr. Wilson.
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Knox,	
Mr. Liddell,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lonsdale,	
Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Joseph Cook,
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Glynn.

Noes, 31.

Mr. Bamford,	Mr. McLean,
Sir Langdon	Mr. O'Malley,
Bonython,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. Poynton,
Mr. Chapman,	Sir John Quick,
Mr. Hume Cook,	Mr. Ronald,
Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Culpin,	Mr. Skene,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Storrer,
Mr. Fowler,	Mr. David Thomson,
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Watkins,
Sir Philip Fysh,	Mr. Webster,
Mr. Kingston,	Mr. Wilkinson.
Sir William Lyne,	
Mr. Maloney,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mauger,	Mr. Groom,
Mr. McColl,	Mr. Tudor.

And so it passed in the negative.

Question—That the proposed resolution be agreed to—put and resolved in the affirmative.

10. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of this Bill 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. Salmon 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.

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11. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1904-5.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 11.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the 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 five,*" to which it has agreed without requests.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

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13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Watson moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Cameron, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Sir George Turner.

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