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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 5.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 7TH JULY, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. FORMATION OF NEW MINISTRY.—Mr. Deakin informed the House that His Excellency the Governor-General having accepted the resignation of the late Government, had commissioned him to form a new Administration, and that he had accordingly formed it as follows :—
 - The Honorable Alfred Deakin to be Minister of State for External Affairs ;
 - The Honorable Isaac Alfred Isaacs to be Attorney-General ;
 - The Honorable Sir William John Lyne to be Minister of State for Trade and Customs ;
 - The Right Honorable Sir John Forrest to be Treasurer ;
 - The Honorable Austin Chapman to be Postmaster-General ;
 - The Honorable Thomas Playford to be Minister of State for Defence ;
 - The Honorable Littleton Ernest Groom to be Minister of State for Home Affairs ;
 - The Honorable Thomas Thomson Ewing to be Vice-President of the Executive Council ; and
 - The Honorable John Henry Keating to be a Member of the Executive Council.
3. ADDRESS IN REPLY.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Address which had been agreed to in reply to the Governor-General's Speech on the Opening of Parliament, would be presented to His Excellency in the Library, at a quarter to three o'clock this afternoon. Mr. Speaker stated that he would be glad if such honorable Members as were able to do so, would accompany him to present the Address.
4. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1), 1905-6.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented by Sir John Forrest, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General.

Message No. 1.

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 six.

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Ordered to lie on the Table and to be referred to the Committee of Supply.
5. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented—
 - House of Representatives—General Index to Votes and Proceedings and Presented Papers, 1901-1904.
 - Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 - British New Guinea—Report by the Administrator respecting certain matters brought under notice in the House of Representatives on the 23rd November, 1904.
 - Trade between Australia and South Africa—Report by Mr. H. J. Scott (of Brighton, South Australia).

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

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Mr. Deakin presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
Immigration Restriction Act 1901—

Return of—

- (a) Persons refused admission to the Commonwealth during the year 1904.
- (b) Persons who passed the prescribed test during the year 1904.
- (c) Persons admitted without being asked to pass the Education test during the year 1904.

Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

Electoral Act, 1902—Victoria—Technical Descriptions of proposed Electoral Divisions of the State (in completion of Report presented 29th ultimo).

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—

Naturalized Chinese and Japanese—Return to an Order of the House, dated 27th October, 1904.

6. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—Mr. Speaker, with several Members of the House, went to attend His Excellency in the Library, and having returned, Mr. Speaker reported that he had presented the Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech on the Opening of Parliament, agreed to by the House on the 30th ultimo, and that His Excellency had thanked the House for their Address.
7. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—SUPPLY.—Sir John Forrest moved, by leave, That the Standing Orders be suspended in order to enable the House to forthwith resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Supply to be granted to His Majesty, and to enable all steps to be taken to obtain Supply and to pass a Supply Bill through all its stages without delay.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
8. CHAIRMAN.—Mr. G. B. Edwards moved, That Mr. Speaker be requested to take the Chair as Chairman for this day of sitting only.
Debate ensued.
And the question having been amended by the substitution of the name of the honorable Member for Kennedy (Mr. McDonald) in place of Mr. Speaker—
Question—That the honorable Member for Kennedy (Mr. McDonald) be requested to take the Chair as Chairman for this day of sitting only—put and resolved in the affirmative.
9. SUPPLY.—The House thereupon resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.
Mr. McDonald also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, at its next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
10. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—Mr. McDonald reported from the Committee of Supply a certain resolution, which was read, and is as follows :—
Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Four hundred and eighteen thousand seven hundred and fifty-one pounds be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year ending 30th June, 1906.
And the said resolution was adopted by the House.
11. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House then resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.
Mr. McDonald also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, at its next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
12. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION.—Mr. McDonald reported from the Committee of Ways and Means 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, 1906, a sum not exceeding Four hundred and eighteen thousand seven hundred and fifty-one pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.
And the said resolution was adopted by the House.
Ordered—That Sir John Forrest do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.
13. SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1905-6.—Sir John Forrest 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 six,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Sir John Forrest 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. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.
On the motion of Sir John Forrest, the House adopted the Report.
Sir John Forrest 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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14. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday, 26th instant.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
15. COMMONWEALTH PRINTING—SELECT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Mahon moved, by leave, pursuant to amended notice—
- (1) That a Select Committee be appointed to investigate and report as to—
 - (a) The conditions governing the printing and publication of *Hansard*, the *Commonwealth Gazette*, and Parliamentary Papers generally, and Reports issued under Acts of Parliament.
 - (b) The practicability of curtailing the expenditure involved in the printing and issue of such publications and of giving wider publicity to the official report of proceedings in Parliament.
 - (2) That such Committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit at any time.
 - (3) That the Committee consist of Mr. Bamford, Mr. Groom, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Kelly, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Skene, and the Mover; and that three be the quorum of such Committee.
- Objection having been taken to the motion being treated as unopposed—
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 3rd August next.

16. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1905-6.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER, Message No. 1.
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 six,*” to which it has agreed without requests.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 7th July, 1905.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

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

And then the House, at seventeen minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, 26th instant, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Bamford, Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Joseph Cook, Mr. Culpin, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Harper, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lee, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. McColl, Sir John Quick, Mr. David Thomson, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Watson, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Willis.

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