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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 4.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH JUNE, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ARBITRATION—INTER-PARLIAMENTARY ARBITRATION UNION, WESTMINSTER.—Mr. Deakin read to the House a copy of a cablegram which he had received from Mr. William Randall Cremer, as follows:—  
 “Cordially invite Members Federal Parliament Conference Inter-Parliamentary Arbitration Union, Westminster, July 23. Twenty Parliaments participating.”
3. PAPERS.—Sir William Lyne presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
 Royal Commission on Customs and Excise Tariffs—  
 Minutes of Evidence—  
     Vol. I., Division I.—Stimulants, Beer, together with sugar in Beer, Barley, Malt, and Hops, Spirits, and Wines. Division II.—Narcotics, Opium, Tobacco, Cigars, and Cigarettes.  
     Vol. II., Division III.—Sugar, Glucose and Sugar; Confectionery and Jams. Division IV.—Agricultural Products and Groceries.  
     Vol. III., Division V.—Apparel and Textiles.  
 Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed, in substitution for the Minutes of Evidence, Parts I., II., III., and IV., presented to the House on Friday last.  
 Mr. Ewing presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
     Hawker Case—Reports of Board of Inquiry in connexion with charges made in the House of Representatives against Major James Clarence Hawker, R.A.A.  
 Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.  
 Mr. Ewing presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—  
     Post and Telegraph Act 1901—Regulations Amended, &c.—  
         Prepayment of Postage (“Library of Famous Literature”)—Statutory Rules 1905, No. 78.  
         Prepayment in Cash for large quantities of Mail Matter—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 36.  
         Postal Notes—Statutory Rules 1905, No. 81.  
         Telephone Exchanges—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 17.  
         Packets, Commercial Papers—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 18.  
         Packets, Commercial Papers—Insurance of Parcels, &c.—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 26.  
         Packets, Printed Papers—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 35.  
         Private Mail Bags—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 27.
4. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL’S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to by this House:—  
     MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:  
     We, the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, beg to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—  
 Debate resumed.  
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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5. SUPPLY.—Mr. Deakin, in accordance with Standing Order No. 240, moved, That the House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Supply to be granted to His Majesty. Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
6. WAYS AND MEANS.—Mr. Deakin, in accordance with Standing Order No. 240, moved, That the House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty. Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, No. 2, be postponed until to-morrow.
8. ELECTORAL DIVISIONS OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA—PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION.—Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to notice, That the House of Representatives approves of the distribution of the State of Western Australia into Electoral Divisions as proposed by Mr. M. A. C. Fraser, the Commissioner for the purpose of distributing the said State into Divisions, in his report laid before Parliament on the 7th day of June, 1906.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
9. ELECTORAL DIVISIONS OF QUEENSLAND—PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION.—Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to notice, That the House of Representatives approves of the distribution of the State of Queensland into Electoral Divisions as proposed by Mr. R. H. Lawson, the Commissioner for the purpose of distributing the said State into Divisions, in his report laid before Parliament on the 7th day of June, 1906.  
Debate ensued.  
Amendment proposed, That the following words be added to the motion—“Provided that District H shall be known as ‘Brown,’ and District J as ‘Artesia.’”  
Debate continued.  
Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
10. ELECTORAL DIVISIONS OF NEW SOUTH WALES—PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION.—Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to notice, That the House of Representatives approves of the distribution of the State of New South Wales into Electoral Divisions as proposed by His Honour Judge Murray, the Commissioner for the purpose of distributing the said State into Divisions, in his report laid before Parliament on the 7th day of June, 1906.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
11. ELECTORAL DIVISIONS OF VICTORIA—PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION.—Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to notice, That the House of Representatives approves of the distribution of the State of Victoria into Electoral Divisions as proposed by Mr. C. A. Topp, the Commissioner for the purpose of distributing the said State into Divisions, in his report laid before Parliament on the 7th day of June, 1906.  
Mr. McLean moved, as an amendment, That “7th day of June, 1906,” be omitted, and that “29th day of June, 1905,” be inserted in place thereof.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—That the figures and words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.  
The House divided—

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Bamford,	Mr. Mahon,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Maloney,
Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. Manger,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Culpin,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Ronald,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Spence,
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Storrer,
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. David Thomson,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Tudor,
Mr. Groom,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Webster.
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Kennedy,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Liddell,	Mr. Hume Cook,
Sir William Lyne,	Mr. Wilks.

Noes, 12.

Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Skene,
Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Willis.
Sir Philip Fysh,	
Mr. Gibb,	
Mr. McLean,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McWilliams,	
Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Robinson,
Mr. Salmon,	Mr. Wilson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the House of Representatives approves of the distribution of the State of Victoria into Electoral Divisions as proposed by Mr. C. A. Topp, the Commissioner for the purpose of distributing the said State into Divisions, in his report laid before Parliament on the 7th day of June, 1906—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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12. THE LATE RIGHT HONORABLE RICHARD J. SEDDON, P.C.—Mr. Speaker read to the House the following cablegram, which he had received :—

Wellington, New Zealand,  
13th June, 1906.

HON. SPEAKER,  
Federal Parliament House, Melbourne.

On behalf of the Government and people of New Zealand, I thank the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia for the honour it has done to the memory of our late Premier.

W. HALL JONES.

13. ORDER OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Mr. Deakin moved, by leave—That on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday in each week, until otherwise ordered, Government business shall take precedence of all other business; and that on each Thursday until half-past Six o'clock, until otherwise ordered, General business shall take precedence of Government business.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

14. ORDER OF GENERAL BUSINESS.—Mr. Deakin moved, by leave—That on Thursday in each week, until otherwise ordered, General business shall be called on in the following order, viz.:—

On one Thursday—

Notices of Motion.

Orders of the Day.

On the alternate Thursday—

Orders of the Day.

Notices of Motion.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

15. POSTPONEMENT OF MOTIONS.—Ordered—That the consideration of the remaining Motions be postponed until to-morrow.

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Chapman, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. McColl, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, and Mr. Dugald Thomson.

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C. GAVAN DUFFY,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*