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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 31.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 31ST JULY, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ESTIMATES, 1906-7.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :—

NORTHCOTE,  
*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 7.*

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 Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the Year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and seven, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

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NORTHCOTE,  
*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 8.*

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 Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and seven, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

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

3. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again. Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
4. BOUNTIES BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time— Debate resumed. Mr. Dugald Thomson, addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed. Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 3 to 6 inclusive be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 7.

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6. **DESIGNS BILL.**—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Mr. Glynn moved, That the debate be now adjourned.  
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.  
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
7. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 3 be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 4.
8. **AUDIT BILL (1906).**—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 2—  
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Mauger reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.  
Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.  
And thereupon the said resolution was read, and is as follows :—  
*Resolved*—That it is expedient that an appropriation of money be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Audit Act* 1901.  
And the said resolution was adopted by the House.
9. **PAPER.**—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
The Budget, 1906-7—Papers prepared by the Right Honorable Sir John Forrest, P.C., G.C.M.G., for the information of honorable Members on the occasion of opening the Budget of 1906-7.  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
10. **KALGOORLIE TO PORT AUGUSTA RAILWAY SURVEY BILL.**—The Order of the Day having been read for the further 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. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.  
On the motion of Mr. Groom the House adopted the Report, and ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the third reading of the Bill to be moved this day.  
Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.
11. **AUDIT BILL (1906).**—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—  
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 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.
12. **PAPER.**—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Penny Post—Memorandum by the Postmaster-General recommending the Establishment of.  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
13. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT.**—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. G. B. Edwards\*, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Liddell, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McColl, Mr. Page, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid\*, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. David Thomson, Sir George Turner, Mr. Wilks, and Mr. Willis.

\* On leave.

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