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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 34.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 3RD AUGUST, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. POSTAL RATES BILL.—Mr. Chapman moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to Postal Rates.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Chapman then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Postal Rates,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
3. 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.
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. Deputy-Speaker took the Chair; Mr. Mauger 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, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
4. PAPERS.—Sir William Lyne presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Royal Commission on Customs and Excise Tariffs—Spirits and the Distillation of Spirits—Section 36 of Progress Report No. 2.—(Recommendations).
Sir John Forrest presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Financial Problems of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia—Memorandum by the Honorable Robert Harper.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
Public Service Act 1902—Temporary Employés—Return showing the names of all persons temporarily employed in the Public Service during the year 1905-6, their periods of employment, and the remuneration paid to them.
5. DESIGNS BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole House on this Bill—
Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clauses 25 and 48.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Mauger reported that the Committee had reconsidered the portions of the Bill referred to it, and had agreed to the same with an amendment.
On the motion of Mr. Groom the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Bill to be passed through its remaining stages this day.
On the motion of Mr. Groom the House adopted the Reports.
Mr. Groom 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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6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—MAIL SERVICE TO EUROPE: AGREEMENT WITH SIR JAMES LAING AND SONS, LIMITED.—Mr. Deputy-Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

Message No. 5.

MR. SPEAKER,

In reply to Message No. 6 of the House of Representatives, dated 27th July, 1906, transmitting for the concurrence of the Senate a resolution in reference to the Agreement between the Postmaster-General and Sir James Laing and Sons Limited, for the carriage of mails between Brindisi and Adelaide, the Senate acquaints the House of Representatives that the Senate has agreed to a resolution on the subject, as follows :—

“That the Senate approves the Agreement made and entered into on the 7th day of July 1906, between the Postmaster-General, in and for the Commonwealth, and Sir James Laing and Sons Limited, for the carriage of mails between Adelaide and Brindisi, as per schedule, with the following modifications :—

Proviso to Clause 3—

Provided that, in the event of the Postmaster-General requiring the ‘period of transit’ on the voyage from Brindisi to Adelaide to be reduced to six hundred and twelve hours, the period of six hundred and twelve hours shall thenceforth be deemed to be the ‘period of transit’ for each voyage from Brindisi to Adelaide, and each such voyage shall be completed within that period.

Proviso to Clause 6—

In last two lines *leave out* ‘failing mutual agreement be determined by arbitration in the manner provided in the said “General Conditions of Tender”’, *insert* ‘be determined by mutual agreement, subject to approval of Parliament, by resolution.’

Proviso to Clause 15—

After the word ‘legislation’ *insert* ‘directly’; after the words ‘with the consent of’ *insert* ‘or subject to approval by’, and after ‘Parliament’ *insert* ‘by resolution.’”

W. G. HIGGS,
Deputy-President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 3rd August, 1906.

Ordered—That the Message be considered forthwith.

Mr. Chapman moved, That the House concur in the Resolution as amended by the Senate.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. 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 five o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Batchelor, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. G. B. Edwards*, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lee, Mr. McCay, Mr. McColl, Mr. Page, Mr. Poynton, Sir John Quick, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Thomas, Mr. David Thomson, Sir George Turner, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Wilks, and Mr. Willis.

* On leave.

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