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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 53.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 6TH SEPTEMBER, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PRINTING COMMITTEE—THIRD REPORT FROM.—Mr. Poynton, for the Chairman, brought up the Third Report from the Printing Committee.
The Report was read by the Clerk, and is as follows :—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have dealt with all the Papers and the Petition laid on the Table of the House since the last meeting of the Committee.

Your Committee find that the following Papers, presented to both Houses, have been printed by the Senate :—

- Northern Territory—Conference between the Prime Minister and the Premier of South Australia.
- Public Service Act 1902—Regulation amended, No. 104.
- House Committee—Joint Report on Refreshment Rooms.
- Canteens at Barracks—Particulars respecting.
- Defence—Report of the Committee of Imperial Defence upon a General Scheme of Defence for Australia.
- Finance, 1905-6—Transfers under Audit Act.

Your Committee recommend that the following Papers be printed :—

- Military Forces—Annual Report, 1905.
- Naval Defence—Report by the Director of Naval Forces, 1905.
- Bursting of M.L.E. rifles—Report by C. Napier Hake and T. R. Lyle.
- Military Board—Report, 1905.
- Memorandum by the Minister of Defence on the Estimates, 1906-7.
- Telephone Lines in Country Districts—Paper by Mr. Hesketh, Chief Electrical Engineer.
- Pacific Islanders engaged in Sugar Industry.

A. POYNTON,
For Chairman.

House of Representatives,
Committee Room, 6th September, 1906.

Mr. Poynton moved, by leave, That the Report be agreed to.
Debate ensued.

Mr. Wilson moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the motion—"and that the Return presented to the House on 29th August last, in regard to Royal Commissions be also printed.

Debate continued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

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

6th and 7th September, 1906.

3. ROYAL COMMISSIONS—PRINTING OF PAPER.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the Return to the Order of the House, dated 26th July, 1906, giving particulars in regard to Royal Commissions, which was presented on 29th August, 1906, be printed.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after midnight—

FRIDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER, 1906.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that a quorum of Members was not present in the Committee; whereupon Mr. Speaker counted the House, and a quorum of Members having been obtained, the House again resolved itself into the Committee.

Mr. Speaker again resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had agreed to certain resolutions.

Ordered—That the consideration of the resolutions be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next. 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, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1906-7.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 12.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the 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 seven for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.*," to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 7th September, 1906.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 6 inclusive be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 7.
7. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (STATE DEBTS) BILL.—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. Mr. McWilliams 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 Tuesday next.
8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-four minutes to five o'clock in the afternoon 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. Cameron, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. David Thomson, Mr. Dugald Thomson, and Mr. Webster.

* On leave.

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