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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH

No. 2.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 4TH JULY, 1907.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1907-8.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

NORTHCOTE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 2.

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 eight.

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Ordered to lie on the Table and to be referred to the Committee of Supply.

3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, after debate, That the consideration of the Orders of the Day be postponed until after the consideration of Notice of Motion No. 1.
4. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—SUPPLY.—Sir John Forrest moved, pursuant to notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended in order to enable the Committees of Supply and Ways and Means to be appointed before the Address in Reply to His Excellency the Governor-General's Opening Speech has been agreed to by the House, and to enable all other steps to be taken to obtain Supply, and to pass a Supply Bill through all its stages without delay.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. SUPPLY.—Sir John Forrest moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the House will, this day, 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.—Sir John Forrest moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the House will, this day, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
7. ACTING CHAIRMAN.—Sir John Forrest moved, That the honorable Member for Coolgardie (Mr. Mahon) do take the Chair as Chairman for this day of sitting only.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
8. SUPPLY.—The House thereupon resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Mahon reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.
Mr. Mahon also acquainted the House 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.

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9. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—The resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read, and is as follows :—

Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Four hundred and fifty-seven thousand two hundred and forty-three pounds be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year ending 30th June, 1908.

And the said resolution was adopted by the House.

10. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House then resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Mahon reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.

Mr. Mahon also acquainted the House 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.

11. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION.—The resolution reported from the Committee of Ways and Means 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, 1908, a sum not exceeding Four hundred and fifty-seven thousand two hundred and forty-three pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

And the said resolution was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir John Forrest and Mr. Deakin do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

12. SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1907-8.—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 eight,*" 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. Mahon 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.

13. 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.

Mr. Frazer 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.

14. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir William Lyne moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Crouch, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Livingston, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Spence, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Mr. John Thomson, and Mr. Willis.

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