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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 4.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 9TH 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.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General.

Message No. 6.

A Bill intituled "*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,*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
Melbourne, 5th July, 1907.

3. PAPERS.—Mr. Ewing presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 - Federal Capital—Proposed Sites.—Minute by the Right Honorable Sir John Forrest, P.C., G.C.M.G., LL.D., on the suggested site at Canberra, near Queanbeyan, New South Wales.
 - Naval Defence—Report by the Director of the Naval Forces (Captain W. R. Creswell) for the year 1906.
 - Military Board—Report for the year 1906.
 Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

Sir John Forrest presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—

 - Audit Acts—
 - Transfers of amounts approved by the Governor-General in Council—23rd November, 1906, to 12th June, 1907—dated 5th July, 1907.
 - Treasury Regulations Amended—
 - Nos. 47A, 98A, 137, &c.—Statutory Rules 1907, No. 40.
 - Nos. 96D, 145—Statutory Rules 1907, No. 41.

Mr. Ewing presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—

 - Defence Acts—Financial and Allowance Regulations Amended—Provisional Regulations—
 - Military Forces—
 - No. 130—Statutory Rules 1907, No. 64.
 - No. 206—Statutory Rules 1907, No. 65.
 - Naval Forces—
 - No. 69—Statutory Rules 1907, No. 66.
 - Public Service Act—Regulation No. 104 Amended—Statutory Rules 1907, No. 71.

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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.

Mr. Catts 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.

5. PAPERS.—Mr. Chapman presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—

Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations amended, &c.—

Electoral Papers—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 107.

Payment of Postage by the Receiver—Statutory Rules 1907, No. 56.

Money Orders—Statutory Rules 1907, No. 57.

Interfering with Stamps—Statutory Rules 1907, No. 60.

General Postal Regulations—Prepayment of Postage; and Telegraphic Regulations—

Undelivered Telegrams—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 62.

General Postal Regulations—

Licences to sell Stamps—Statutory Rules 1907, No. 31.

Private Mail Bags—Statutory Rules 1907, No. 48.

General Regulations—Holiday Arrangements—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 98.

Postal Regulations—Letter Cards; General Postal Regulations—Redirection, &c.; Parcels

Post—Undelivered Parcels—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 106.

Postal Regulations—

Express Delivery Service—Statutory Rules 1907, No. 28.

Post Cards—Statutory Rules 1907, No. 30.

Telegraph Regulations—

Code Addresses—Statutory Rules 1907, No. 5.

Repetition of Telegrams—Statutory Rules 1907, No. 14.

Telephone Regulations—

Private Lines in Country Districts—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 69.

Junction Lines—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 99.

General—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 114.

Amendments of Parts I., VI., VIII., XII.—Statutory Rules 1907, No. 46.

Post and Telegraph Act and Post and Telegraph Rates Act—

Telegraphic Regulations—Electoral Telegrams; Express Delivery Service; Telephones—

Military Lines—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 81.

Public Service Act—Postmaster-General's Department—

Recommendations and approval in cases of promotions of—

E. W. Bramble, New South Wales, Inspector, to be Senior Inspector, 1st Class.

H. B. Templeton, Central Staff, Accountant and Senior Clerk, to 1st Class.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House at sixteen 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—Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Crouch, Mr. Deakin, Mr. Hall, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Mauger, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Mr. John Thomson, Mr. Willis, and Mr. Wilson.

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