THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 9.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 29TH JUNE, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.-Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

- PAPER.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—-South African Union—Reply to cablegram of felicitation from Prime Minister. Ordered to lie on the Table.
- 3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBERS (MR. CHAPMAN, MR. KNOX, COLONEL FOXTON, AND MR. WATSON).— Mr. Deakin moved, by leave, That leave of absence for two months be given to the honorable Member for Eden-Monaro (Mr. Chapman), and the honorable Member for Kooyong (Mr. Knox) on account of ill-health, to the honorable Member for Brisbane (Colonel Foxton) absent from the Commonwealth on public service, and to the honorable Member for South Sydney (Mr. Watson) absent from the Commonwealth on urgent private business. Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
- 4. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered, after debate, That the consideration of all other business be postponed until after the consideration of Notice of Motion No. 1.
- 5. 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. Debate ensued.

Question-put and resolved in the affirmative.

- 6. 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.
- 7. 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.
 - Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
- 8. SUPPLY.—The Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply— Question proposed—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair. Debate ensued.
 - Question-put and resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after midnight-

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Mr. Speaker resunied the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.

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, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Eight hundred and eighty-three thousand six hundred and ninety-nine pounds be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year ending 30th June, 1910.

And the said resolution was adopted by the House.

 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-three minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Chapman*, Colonel Foxton*, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Mr. Watson*, and Mr. Willis. * On leave.

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

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