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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 21.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 20TH JULY, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—OLD-AGE PENSIONS APPROPRIATION BILL (1909).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

DUDLEY,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 4.*

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 money be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of One million pounds for Invalid and Old-age Pensions.

14th July, 1909.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—AUDIT BILL (1909).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

DUDLEY,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 3.*

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 amend the Audit Acts 1901-1906.

7th July, 1909.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

4. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Batchelor rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The effect of the New Zealand and South African Customs Agreement on Australian trade."

Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—

Mr. Batchelor moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

5. PAPERS.—Sir John Quick presented, pursuant to Statute—

Public Service Act—Postmaster-General's Department—Promotion of E. Broad as Manager, 2nd Class, Telegraph Branch, Adelaide.

Mr. Fuller presented, pursuant to Statute—

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at Port Kembla, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.

20th July, 1909.

6. 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.—

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr. Deakin, That the Paper stating the business proposed to be submitted to Parliament by Ministers, laid on the Table on 23rd June last, be printed—

Debate resumed.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 29.

Noes, 26.

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| Mr. Archer | Mr. Mauger | Mr. Bamford | Mr. McDonald |
| Mr. Atkinson | Mr. McWilliams | Mr. Batchelor | Mr. McDougall |
| Mr. Bowden | Mr. Palmer | Mr. Thomas Brown | Mr. O'Malley |
| Mr. Coon | Sir John Quick | Mr. Catts | Mr. Page |
| Mr. Deakin | Mr. Reid | Mr. Chanter | Mr. Roberts |
| Mr. Fairbairn | Mr. Salmon | Mr. Fisher | Mr. Spence |
| Sir John Forrest | Mr. Sampson | Mr. Foster | Mr. Thomas |
| Mr. Fuller | Mr. Sinclair | Mr. Frazer | Mr. Tudor |
| Sir Philip Fysh | Mr. Bruce Smith | Mr. Hall | Mr. Webster |
| Mr. Glynn | Mr. Dugald Thomson | Mr. Hughes | Mr. Wise |
| Mr. Groom | Mr. Wilks | Mr. Hutchison | |
| Mr. Hedges | Mr. Willis | Mr. Mahon | <i>Tellers.</i> |
| Mr. Hans Irvine | <i>Tellers.</i> | Mr. Maloney | Mr. Poynton |
| Mr. Johnson | Mr. Hume Cook | Mr. Mathews | Mr. Watkins |
| Mr. Livingston | Mr. Crouch | | |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

8. PARLIAMENTARY WITNESSES BILL—SENATE'S REQUEST FOR RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION OF.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the message from the Senate requesting the resumption by the House of the consideration of this Bill, which was transmitted to the House for concurrence during the Session 1907-8, and the proceedings on which were last Session resumed at the request of the Senate, but were interrupted by the Prorogation of the Parliament—

Mr. Glynn moved, That the request of the Senate, contained in its Message No. 1, for the resumption by the House of the consideration of the Parliamentary Witnesses Bill, be complied with, and that a Message be transmitted to the Senate acquainting it therewith.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Glynn moved, That the further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the whole House (the stage which the Bill had reached last Session) be made an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

9. BILLS OF EXCHANGE BILL—SENATE'S REQUEST FOR RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION OF.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Message from the Senate requesting the resumption by the House of the consideration of this Bill, which was transmitted to the House for concurrence during the Session of 1907-8, and the proceedings on which were last Session resumed at the request of the Senate, but were interrupted by the Prorogation of the Parliament—

Mr. Glynn moved, That the request of the Senate, contained in its Message No. 2, for the resumption by the House of the consideration of the Bills of Exchange Bill, be complied with, and that a Message be transmitted to the Senate acquainting it therewith.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Glynn moved, That the second reading of the Bill (the stage which the Bill had reached last Session) be made an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the remaining Orders of the Day be postponed until after the consideration of the Notices of Motion.

11. MARINE INSURANCE BILL—RESUMPTION OF PROCEEDINGS AT STAGE REACHED LAST SESSION.—

Mr. Glynn moved, pursuant to notice, That the proceedings on the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Marine Insurance,*" which were interrupted by the Prorogation of Parliament last session, be resumed at the stage then reached in connexion with the said Bill, and that the further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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12. **ELECTORAL BILL (1909).**—Mr. Fuller moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the Law relating to Parliamentary Elections.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
13. **NORTHERN TERRITORY ACCEPTANCE BILL.**—Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Acceptance of the Northern Territory as a Territory under the Authority of the Commonwealth and for the carrying out of the Agreement for the Surrender and Acceptance.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
14. **INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS BILL (1909).**—Sir John Forrest moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act 1908*.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Sir John Forrest then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act 1908’*”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
On the motion of Mr. Deakin the Standing Orders were suspended, and the second reading of the Bill was made an Order of the Day for this day.
Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Maloney 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.
15. **NORFOLK ISLAND BILL.**—Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Acceptance of Norfolk Island as a Territory under the authority of the Commonwealth, and for the Government thereof.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Groom then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to provide for the Acceptance of Norfolk Island as a Territory under the Authority of the Commonwealth, and for the Government thereof*”, 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 to-morrow.
16. **TELEGRAPH BILL.**—Sir John Quick moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to Telegraphic Communication in Time of Emergency.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
17. **COINAGE BILL.**—Sir John Forrest moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to Currency, Coinage, and Legal Tender.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
18. **HIGH COMMISSIONER BILL.**—Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the office of High Commissioner of the Commonwealth in the United Kingdom.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
19. **AUDIT BILL (1909).**—Sir John Forrest moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the Audit Acts 1901–1906.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
20. **BUREAU OF AGRICULTURE BILL.**—Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to the Australian Bureau of Agriculture.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Groom then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act relating to the Australian Bureau of Agriculture*”, 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 to-morrow.
21. **NORTHERN TERRITORY ACCEPTANCE BILL.**—Mr. Groom, pursuant to leave given this day, brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to provide for the Acceptance of the Northern Territory as a Territory under the Authority of the Commonwealth and for the carrying out of the Agreement for the Surrender and Acceptance*”, 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 to-morrow.
22. **ORDER OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.**—Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to notice, That on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday in each week, until otherwise ordered, Government Business shall take precedence of all other business; and that on each Thursday until half-past Six o'clock, until otherwise ordered, General Business shall take precedence of Government Business.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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23. ORDER OF GENERAL BUSINESS.—Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to notice, That on Thursday in each week, until otherwise ordered, General Business shall be called on in the following order, viz.:—

On one Thursday—

Notices of Motion.

Orders of the Day.

On the alternate Thursday—

Orders of the Day.

Notices of Motion.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

24. PAPER.—Mr. Fuller presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta Railway.—Report (dated 19th July, 1909) by H. Deane, on Survey of Route.

Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.

25. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at seventeen minutes past eleven 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. Carr, Mr. Chapman*, Mr. Joseph Cook, Sir Thomas Ewing, Colonel Foxton*, Mr. Knox, Mr. Liddell, Sir William Lyne, Mr. John Thomson, Mr. Watson*, and Mr. Wilson.

* On leave.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.