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No. 78.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 5TH NOVEMBER, 1909.

- 1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2. Adjournment—Motion for Purpose of Discussion.—Mr. Wilks 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, "Certain public attacks made upon the Postal Commission."
 - 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. Wilks moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question-put and negatived.

3. M.ESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—MARINE INSURANCE BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

Mr. Speaker,

Message No. 23.

President.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act relating to Marine Insurance," to which it has agreed with the amendments indicated in the annexed Schedule, in which amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

A. J. GOULD,

The Senate,

Melbourne, 5th November, 1909.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration forthwith. And the said amendments were read, and are as follow:—

SCHEDULE OF AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

- No. 1.—Page 7, clause 28, line 18, after "evidence" insert "in an action for the recovery of a loss under the contract".
- No. 2.—Page 23, clause 95, at commencement of clause insert "Where a policy in accordance with this Act has been issued".

On the motion of Mr. Glynn the House agreed to the amendments.

- 4. PAPER.—Mr. Joseph Cook presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Defence Acts—Military Forces—Regulation No. 118 Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 122.
- 5. Time of Meeting on Wednesdays and Thursdays.—Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to notice, That
 on Wednesdays and Thursdays in each week the House shall, unless otherwise ordered, meet at
 eleven o'clock a.m.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

5th November, 1909.

6. Supply [Supply Bill].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. Mr. Speaker resumed 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, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. Suspension of Standing Orders.—Sir John Forrest moved, pursuant to notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended in order to enable all 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.

8. Supply Resolution.—The resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read, and is as

Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Three hundred and forty thousand nine hundred and twelve 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.

9. Ways and Means.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker resumed 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, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

10. 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, 1910, a sum not exceeding Three hundred and forty thousand nine hundred and twelve 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.

11. Supply Bill (No. 4) 1909-10.—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 ten," and moved, That it be now read a first

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. McDonald 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.

12. Paper.—Mr. Groom presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Inter-State Commerce—State Exclusion Laws—Opinion of Attorney-General on the question of.

Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.

13. Adjournment.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at ten minutes to four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Chapman*, Colonel Foxton*, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Watson*, and Mr. Wilson.

On leave.

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