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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 11.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

THURSDAY, 21ST SEPTEMBER, 1911.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. Thomas presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1911, Nos. 124 (Provisional), 125, 126 (Provisional), 127.
 Wireless Telegraphy Act—Regulations (Provisional)—Charges—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 128.
 Mr. Frazer presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Defence Act—
 Regulations Amended (Provisional)—
 Military College—Entrance Examinations—Parts I. and IV.—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 133.
 Military Forces—Nos. 142A, 143—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 130.
 Naval Defence Act—Financial and Allowance Regulations Amended (Provisional)—Naval Forces—No. 50B—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 136.
 The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
 Immigration—Amounts expended and Particulars *re* Advertisements—Return to an Order of the House dated 7th September, 1911.
3. FEDERAL CAPITAL SITE—PROPOSED REFERENDUM.—Mr. Palmer moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, no further expenditure should take place in regard to the Federal Capital Site till the question has been submitted to the people by referendum at the next general election.
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. Bamford moved an amendment, That the words “at the next general election” be omitted, and that “in the year 1925” be inserted in place thereof.
 Debate continued.
 It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, in accordance with Standing Order No. 119, the Order of the Day (General Business) was called on.
4. BANKING COMPANIES RESERVE LIABILITIES 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 last Session of the Parliament, and the proceedings on which were interrupted by the Prorogation of the Parliament—
 Mr. W. Elliot Johnson moved, That the request of the Senate, contained in its Message No. 4, for the resumption by the House of the consideration of the Banking Companies Reserve Liabilities Bill, be complied with, and that a Message be transmitted to the Senate acquainting it therewith.
 Question—put and passed.
 Mr. W. Elliot Johnson 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 Thursday next.
 Question—put and passed.

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5. SUGAR INDUSTRY—ROYAL COMMISSION.—Mr. McWilliams moved, pursuant to notice, That a Royal Commission, consisting of five (5) Members of this House, be appointed to inquire into and report upon the Sugar Industry.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Kelly moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday next.

6. DEFENCE—ARMED FOREIGN MERCHANT SHIPS.—Mr. Kelly moved, pursuant to notice—

(1) That this House is of opinion that action should be taken to discourage trading in Australian waters by such foreign merchant ships as are capable of immediate conversion into commerce destroyers upon the outbreak of war.

(2) That the above resolution be sent to the Senate for its concurrence.

Mr. Kelly not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 5th October next.

The time allowed for precedence of General Business having terminated, Government Business was called on.

7. SUPPLY [“GRIEVANCE DAY”].—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, 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 negatived.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Batchelor moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-six minutes 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. Archibald, Mr. Brown, Mr. Finlayson, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Groom, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Livingston, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Mahon, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. McDougall, Sir John Quick, Mr. Rylie, Mr. Salmon, Mr. Spence, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Thomson.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.