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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 63.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH OCTOBER, 1912.

1. The House met at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—SUPPLY.—Mr. Fisher moved, by leave, 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 passed.
3. PAPERS.—Mr. O'Malley presented, pursuant to Statute—
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at—
Kalgoorlie, Western Australia—For Railway purposes.
Liverpool, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.
4. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of a certain Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply—the said Resolution was read and is as follows:—
Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Two million two hundred and fifty-two thousand six hundred and sixty-one pounds be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year ending 30th June, 1913.
And the said Resolution, on the motion of Mr. Fisher, was adopted by the House.
5. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Fisher, after debate—That towards making good the supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year ending 30th June, 1913, a sum not exceeding Two million two hundred and fifty-two thousand six hundred and sixty-one pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

Resolution to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

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

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read and was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Thomas and Mr. Roberts do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

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6. SUPPLY BILL (No. 3) 1912-13.—Mr. Thomas then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and thirteen,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Thomas moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 4 inclusive agreed to.

The Schedule—

By request, the Departments in the Schedule were put separately.

The Parliament, £8,512, agreed to.

The Department of Prime Minister, £9,759—

Mr. Fowler moved, That the amount be reduced by £1.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Amount agreed to.

The Department of the Treasury, £39,770, agreed to.

The Attorney-General's Department, £12,326, debated and agreed to.

The Department of External Affairs, £106,663, debated and agreed to.

The Department of Defence, £641,700, agreed to.

The Department of Trade and Customs, £88,051, agreed to.

The Department of Home Affairs, £74,235, agreed to.

The Postmaster-General's Department, £1,046,645, agreed to.

Refunds of Revenue, £75,000, agreed to.

Advance to the Treasurer, £150,000, agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Thomas, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill, on the motion of Mr. Fisher, was read a third time.

7. PAPERS.—Mr. Thomas presented, pursuant to Statute—

Papua Act—Regulations amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1912, No. 194.

Mr. O'Malley presented, pursuant to Statute—

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at Parkeston, Western Australia, for Railway purposes.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—MATERNITY ALLOWANCE BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 21.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to provide for Payment of Maternity Allowances*”, to which it has agreed without amendment.

H. TURLEY,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 9th October, 1912.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at half-past five 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. Atkinson, Mr. Brown, Mr. Catts, Mr. Deakin, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Frazer, Mr. Howe, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hans Irvine, Mr. W. H. Irvine, Sir William Lyne, Sir John Quick, Mr. Ryrie, Mr. Salmon, Mr. Spence, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Wise.

WALTER A. GALE,
Clerk Assistant,
for Clerk of the House of Representatives.