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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 2.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 12TH AUGUST, 1913.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1913-14.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

DENMAN,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 2.*

A Bill intituled "*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 fourteen,*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
Melbourne, 10th July, 1913.

3. THE LATE SIR WILLIAM LYNE.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, by leave, That this House place upon record its high appreciation of the great public services rendered by the late Sir William Lyne, and tenders its sincere sympathy to the bereaved widow and family of one who devoted so many years of his life to the promotion of the welfare of the people of Australia.
Mr. Fisher seconded the motion ; and Mr. Maloney having also spoken in support thereof, and all Members present having risen in silence—
Question—put and passed.
4. PAPERS.—Mr. Groom presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Fruit Industry—Royal Commission on—
Progress Report and Minority Report.
Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.
Mr. Glynn presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
High Commissioner's Third Annual Report—Year 1912.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
Mr. Kelly presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Elections and Referendums, 31st May, 1913—Schedule showing result of Official Inquiry under Regulations, giving Number of Electors marked as Voting More than Once, &c.
Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.
Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta Railway—Report of Engineer-in-Chief for Commonwealth Railways for period of 18 months, ending 30th June, 1913.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
5. PAPER.—Mr. Joseph Cook presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Ministerial Policy—Statement of—
and moved, That the Paper be printed, and be taken into consideration with the proposed Address in Reply.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

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6. ELECTION PETITION.—The Clerk laid upon the Table a copy of an Election Petition which he had received from the District Registrar of the High Court, at Perth, under section 202 of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act* 1902-1911, viz.:—Petition of William Noah Hedges against the return of Reginald John Burchell as Member for the Electoral Division of Fremantle, in the State of Western Australia.

7. PAPERS.—

Sir John Forrest presented, pursuant to Statute—

Audit Act—

Transfers of Amounts approved by the Governor-General in Council, Financial Year 1912-13—
Dated 23rd July, 1913.

Treasury Regulations amended—Statutory Rules 1913, Nos. 139 (provisional), 154, 174.
Land Tax Assessment Act—Remissions of penalty granted during year, 1912-13:

Public Service Act—Promotions, Department of the Treasury—

J. F. Collopy, as Clerk, 4th Class, Pensions Branch, Central Staff.

H. A. Waters, W. V. Lancaster, and J. Fennessy, as Clerks, 4th Class, Accountant's Branch.

A. B. D. Brown, as Clerk, 4th Class, Land Tax Branch, Queensland.

Mr. W. H. Irvine presented, pursuant to Statute—

Designs Act—Regulations amended—Statutory Rules 1913, No. 173.

Public Service Act—Appointments—Attorney-General's Department—

F. K. Gell, as Clerk, Class D, Professional Division, Crown Solicitor's Office.

P. M. Bonnerup, as Deputy Examiner, Class E, Professional Division, Patents and Trade Marks Branch.

E. T. C. Fitzgerald and R. H. Wilmot, as Assistant Examiners, Class F, Professional Division, Patents and Trade Marks Branch.

Mr. Glynn presented, pursuant to Statute—

Northern Territory Crown Lands Act (South Australia)—Berinka, plan showing proposed Hundred of.

Northern Territory—Crown Lands Ordinance—Regulations amended—

Dated, 15th May, 1913.

Dated, 11th July, 1913.

Papua—

Ordinances of 1912—

No. 14.—Infants.

No. 15.—Insanity.

No. 16.—Trustees and Executors.

No. 46.—Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages.

No. 48.—Insolvency.

Ordinance of 1913—

Native Labor.

Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to Statute—

Customs Act—Export of goods in sacks—Proclamation limiting weight.

Public Service Act—Promotions, Department of Trade and Customs—

J. R. D. O'Loughlin, as Clerk, 4th Class, Central Staff.

C. R. Peck, as Examining Officer, 3rd Class, Landing Branch, New South Wales.

A. H. H. Wilson, as Clerk, 4th Class, Jerquer's Branch, New South Wales.

J. G. Newman, as Sub-collector, 3rd Class, Thursday Island.

A. H. Richards, as Clerk, 4th Class, Broken Hill.

A. S. Innes and C. M. Crooks, as Examining Officers, 3rd and 4th Class respectively, Launceston, Tasmania.

Mr. Kelly for Mr. Wynne presented, pursuant to Statute—

Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations amended—

Statutory Rules 1913, Nos. 156 (provisional), 176-9, 193 (provisional), 195, 208 (provisional).

Public Service Act—Promotions, Postmaster General's Department, New South Wales—

G. A. Goodier, as Clerk, 4th Class, Electrical Engineer's Branch.

J. W. McCutcheon, as Postmaster, 2nd Class, Lismore.

F. V. Becke, as Inspector, 3rd Class, Inspection Branch.

F. Claremont, as Inspector, 3rd Class, Inspection Branch.

Mr. Kelly presented, pursuant to Statute—

Lands Acquisition Act—

Leases of lands in the Federal Territory—Approval granted—

A. J. and M. N. McDonald, R. Moore, G. H. Rottenberry.

R. Corkhill.

Land acquired under, in the Federal Territory, and leased to—

J. R. E. Hyles, J. S. Robertson, F. W. Hyles, A. McDonald.

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Lands Acquisition Act—*continued.*

Land acquired under, at—

- Albion, Queensland—For Defence purposes.
- Ayr, Queensland—For Defence purposes.
- Blackstone, Queensland—For Defence purposes.
- Boulder, Western Australia—For Defence purposes.
- Canberra, Federal Territory—For Federal Capital purposes.
- Echuca, Victoria—For Defence purposes.
- Flinders Island, Tasmania—For Postal purposes.
- Geeveston, Tasmania—For Defence purposes.
- Marrickville, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.
- Junction Park, Queensland—For Defence purposes.
- Pomona, Queensland—For Postal purposes.
- Queanbeyan, Federal Territory—For Federal Capital purposes.
- Ultima, Victoria—For Postal purposes.
- Woomelang, Victoria—For Postal purposes.

Public Service Act—Regulations amended—

Statutory Rules 1913, Nos. 209, 216, 217.

8. ADDRESS IN REPLY AND STATEMENT OF MINISTERIAL POLICY.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the proposed Address in Reply to His Excellency the Governor-General's Speech and of the Statement of Ministerial Policy—Mr. Ahern moved, That the following Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech to both Houses of Parliament 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—

Mr. Patten seconded the motion.

Mr. Fisher 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 to-morrow.

9. ORDER OF BUSINESS.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, by leave, 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 passed.

10. ORDER OF GENERAL BUSINESS.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, by leave, 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 passed.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-six minutes past six 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. Arthur, Mr. Carr, Mr. Finlayson, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Wynne.

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

Section 1. A bill introduced in the House of Representatives shall be referred to a committee on the subject thereof.

Section 2. The committee on the subject of a bill shall report thereon to the House as soon as practicable.

Section 3. The committee on the subject of a bill shall have the right to hold public hearings thereon.

Section 4. The committee on the subject of a bill shall have the right to take such evidence as it may deem proper.

Section 5. The committee on the subject of a bill shall have the right to examine witnesses under oath.

Section 6. The committee on the subject of a bill shall have the right to report thereon by a majority of its members.

Section 7. The committee on the subject of a bill shall have the right to report thereon by a minority of its members.

Section 8. The committee on the subject of a bill shall have the right to report thereon by a unanimous vote.

Section 9. The committee on the subject of a bill shall have the right to report thereon by a vote of two-thirds of its members.

Section 10. The committee on the subject of a bill shall have the right to report thereon by a vote of three-fourths of its members.

Section 11. The committee on the subject of a bill shall have the right to report thereon by a vote of four-fifths of its members.

Section 12. The committee on the subject of a bill shall have the right to report thereon by a vote of five-sixths of its members.

Section 13. The committee on the subject of a bill shall have the right to report thereon by a vote of six-sevenths of its members.

Section 14. The committee on the subject of a bill shall have the right to report thereon by a vote of seven-eighths of its members.

Section 15. The committee on the subject of a bill shall have the right to report thereon by a vote of eight-ninths of its members.

Section 16. The committee on the subject of a bill shall have the right to report thereon by a vote of nine-tenths of its members.

Section 17. The committee on the subject of a bill shall have the right to report thereon by a vote of ten-elevenths of its members.

Section 18. The committee on the subject of a bill shall have the right to report thereon by a vote of eleven-twelfths of its members.

Section 19. The committee on the subject of a bill shall have the right to report thereon by a vote of twelve-thirteenth of its members.

Section 20. The committee on the subject of a bill shall have the right to report thereon by a vote of thirteen-fourteenth of its members.

Section 21. The committee on the subject of a bill shall have the right to report thereon by a vote of fourteen-fifteenth of its members.

Section 22. The committee on the subject of a bill shall have the right to report thereon by a vote of fifteen-sixteenth of its members.

Section 23. The committee on the subject of a bill shall have the right to report thereon by a vote of sixteen-seventeenth of its members.

Section 24. The committee on the subject of a bill shall have the right to report thereon by a vote of seventeen-eighteenth of its members.

Section 25. The committee on the subject of a bill shall have the right to report thereon by a vote of eighteen-nineteenth of its members.

Section 26. The committee on the subject of a bill shall have the right to report thereon by a vote of nineteen-twentieth of its members.

Section 27. The committee on the subject of a bill shall have the right to report thereon by a vote of twenty-twentieth of its members.

Section 28. The committee on the subject of a bill shall have the right to report thereon by a vote of twenty-one-twentieth of its members.

Section 29. The committee on the subject of a bill shall have the right to report thereon by a vote of twenty-two-twentieth of its members.

Section 30. The committee on the subject of a bill shall have the right to report thereon by a vote of twenty-three-twentieth of its members.

Section 31. The committee on the subject of a bill shall have the right to report thereon by a vote of twenty-four-twentieth of its members.

Section 32. The committee on the subject of a bill shall have the right to report thereon by a vote of twenty-five-twentieth of its members.

Section 33. The committee on the subject of a bill shall have the right to report thereon by a vote of twenty-six-twentieth of its members.

Section 34. The committee on the subject of a bill shall have the right to report thereon by a vote of twenty-seven-twentieth of its members.

Section 35. The committee on the subject of a bill shall have the right to report thereon by a vote of twenty-eight-twentieth of its members.