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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 41.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 13TH MAY, 1915.

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.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Department of Trade and Customs—
 - Inter-State Commission Act—
 - Inter-State Commission—Tariff Investigation—Appendices to Reports: Statistical and other information, and Evidence—
 - Cotton Growing.
 - Motor Cycles and Cycle Parts.
 - Soap and Soap-making Materials.
 - Spirits for Manufacturing purposes; Sulphuric Ether; Perfumes, Medicines, &c.
 - Spirits, Potable.
 - Wire Nails and Barbed Wire.
 - Wool Tops, Woollen Yarn, and Machinery for the Manufacture of Tops and Textiles Generally.

Severally ordered to be printed.
3. ADJOURNMENT.—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Sir John Forrest 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 action of the Government in accepting the tender of Mr. W. Shead for the supply of flour, in preference to a lower tender by the Automatic Bakeries Ltd., on the ground that Mr. Shead's was the only firm employing union labour."

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—

Sir John Forrest moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, in accordance with Standing Order No. 119, the Orders of the Day were called on.
4. HORSE BREEDING FOR PUBLIC SERVICES.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Chanter:—That this House resolves that it is expedient and urgently necessary for the Government to at once establish horse-breeding stations in order to create and maintain a full supply of suitable horses required for military and other public services—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed.

5. GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S REFUSAL OF SENATE'S REQUEST *RE* REFERENDA BILLS.—Mr. Webster moved, pursuant to notice, That the action of the Governor-General in refusing to grant the request of the Senate to submit the Referenda Bills (constitutionally placed before him by the Cook Government) to the electors of the Commonwealth, established a precedent which may be irksome to the Commonwealth, and, in addition to involving the Commonwealth in further heavy expenditure, seriously hampered the good government of Australia.

Debate ensued.

Mr. W. Maloney 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, 24th June next.

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6. POSTAL DEPARTMENT—BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.—Mr. Webster moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived when the Postal Service should be placed under a Board of Management on the lines laid down in the Report of the Royal Commission on Postal Services.
Mr. Webster 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, 1st July next.
7. COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS BILL (1915).—Mr. Tudor, for Mr. Hughes, moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Committee of Public Accounts Act 1913*.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Ordered—That Notice of Motion, Government Business, No. 2 be postponed until to-morrow.
9. 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.
Mr. Charlton moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—put and passed.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.
10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, temporarily withdrawn.
11. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 6) 1914–15.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 47.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the 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 fifteen,*” to which it has agreed without requests.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 13th May, 1915.

12. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-seven 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. Abbott, Mr. Bamford, Mr. Catts, Mr. Finlayson, Mr. Groom, Mr. W. Elliot Johnson, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Ozanne, Colonel Ryrie*, and Mr. Sharpe.

* On leave.

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