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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 113.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 13TH DECEMBER, 1901.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITION.—Mr. Barton presented a Petition from certain persons, resident in South Brisbane and elsewhere, praying that the House will give effect to the proposals set forth in the Petition for the retail trade of intoxicating liquors in the Federal Capital being exclusively owned and carried on by the Commonwealth.
Petition received and read.
3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBERS (MESSRS. REID AND BRUCE SMITH).—Sir William McMillan moved, by leave, That leave of absence for one month be granted to the honorable Member for East Sydney (the Right Honorable G. H. Reid, P.C.) and the honorable Member for Parkes (Mr. Bruce Smith) on the ground of urgent private business.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. PAPER.—Mr. Barton presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Telegraph and Telephone Systems, &c., of the States of the Commonwealth—Report of the Departmental Committee of Inquiry into the.
Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.
5. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Chanter reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution.
On the motion of Sir George Turner the House ordered 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.
Mr. Chanter also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
6. SUPPLY.—Mr. Chanter reported from the Committee of Supply a certain resolution, which was read, and is as follows:—
Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Four hundred and ten thousand seven hundred and sixty-seven pounds be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services for the year ending 30th June, 1902.
And the said resolution was adopted by the House.
7. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Chanter reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution.
On the motion of Sir George Turner the House ordered the Report to be considered this day.
Mr. Chanter also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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8. WAYS AND MEANS.—Mr. Chanter reported from the Committee of Ways and Means a certain resolution, which 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, 1902, the sum of Four hundred and ten thousand seven hundred and sixty-seven pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

And the said resolution was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir George Turner and Mr. Deakin do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

9. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 5).—Sir George Turner then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of Four hundred and ten thousand seven hundred and sixty-seven pounds to the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and two,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

Sir George Turner 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. Chanter reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and agreed to the same without amendment.

On the motion of Sir George Turner the House adopted the Report.

Bill read a third time.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—POST AND TELEGRAPH RATES BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 33.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act relating to Postal and Telegraphic Rates,*" to which it desires the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

R. C. BAKER,

President.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 13th December, 1901.

11. POST AND TELEGRAPH RATES BILL.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "*A Bill relating to Postal and Telegraphic Rates,*" be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Deakin moved, by leave, That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for this day.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

12. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented by Sir William Lyne, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

HOPETOUN,

Governor-General.

Message No. 27.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the Acquisition of Property for Public Purposes, for dealing with Property so acquired, and for other purposes connected therewith,*" 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 of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

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Melbourne, 12th December, 1901.

13. PUNISHMENT OF OFFENCES BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Deakin moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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. Chanter reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and agreed to the same without amendment.

On the motion of Mr. Deakin the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Deakin moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a third time.

14. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Chanter reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, on the next sitting day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

15. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 5).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 34.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill intituled "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of Four hundred and ten thousand seven hundred and sixty-seven pounds to the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and two,*" to which it has agreed without amendment.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 13th December, 1901.

16. ADJOURNMENT FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.—Mr. Barton moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 14th January next, at three o'clock p.m.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
17. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Barton moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-five minutes to four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, 14th January next, at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—The Right Honorable Sir Edward Braddon, P.C., Messrs. Cameron, Cruickshank, Harper, Higgins, Isaacs, Mahon, the Right Honorable G. H. Reid, P.C., Messrs. Bruce Smith, Spence, and Wilkinson.

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