THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 175.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 30TH MAY, 1902.

- 1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- Paper.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 Cobb and Co.'s Queensland Mail Contracts—Copy of correspondence re proposal of the Company to discontinue carrying out the Contracts.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

- 3. 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 made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

 Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
- 4. Message from the Senate.—Governor-General's Establishment Bill.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

Mr. Speaker,

Message No. 44.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill intituled "An Act relating to the Governor-General's Establishment," to which it has agreed without amendment.

R. C. BAKER, President.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 30th May, 1902.

- 5. Postponement of Order of the Day.—Ordered, That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business No. 2, be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day
- No. 3.

 6. Government Inscribed Stock Bill.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 43 having been read—
 - 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 come to a certain

Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.

Mr. Chanter reported from a Committee of the whole House the following resolution, which was read:—

Resolved—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for Commonwealth Government Inscribed Stock and for other purposes in connexion therewith.

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.
- 7. Government Inscribed Stock Bill.—Sir George Turner then brought up a Bill intituled "A Bill for an Act to provide for Commonwealth Government Inscribed Stock and for other purposes in connexion therewith," and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the day for Tuesday next.

8. Special Adjournment.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

9. Message from the Senate.—Franchise Bill (No. 2).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

Mr. Speaker, .

Message No. 46.

President.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill intituled "A Bill for an Act to provide for an Uniform Federal Franchise," and acquaints the House of Representatives that the Senate has agreed to the amendments made by the House of Representatives, with the exception of Amendment No. 6, to which amendment it has partly agreed and partly disagreed, as indicated in the annexed Schedule, and for the reason set forth in the said Schedule.

The Senate returns the Bill and desires its reconsideration.

R. C. BAKER,

The Senate,

Melbourne, 30th May, 1902.

Schedule of the Amendment made by the House of Representatives, to which the Senate has partly agreed and partly disagreed.

Amendment No. 6, viz.:-

No. 6.—Page 2, clause 4, line 8, omit "or person of the half blood," and insert "except the islands of New Zealand situated in the Pacific Ocean beyond the Commonwealth"

Agrees to the omission of the words "or person of the half blood."

Disagrees to the insertion of the words "the islands of" and "situated in the Pacific Ocean beyond the Commonwealth."

Agrees to the insertion of the following words "except New Zealand."

Reason of the Senate for disagreeing to part of the said Amendment of the House of Representatives.

Because the Senate desires to make it clear that the franchise should be extended to the inhabitants of New Zealand only, and not of other islands of the Pacific.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration forthwith in Committee of the whole House.

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 agreed that the part of Amendment No. 6, disagreed to by the Senate, be not insisted on.

On the motion of Sir William Lyne the House adopted the Report.

10. Message from the Senate. -- Consolidated Revenue Bill (No. 9).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 45.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of Four hundred and ninety-three thousand nine hundred and forty-four 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,

The Senate,

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Melbourne, 30th May, 1902.

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11. Adjournment.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at three minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present except—The Prime Minister (the Right Honorable Edmund Barton, P.C.), the Minister of Defence (the Right Honorable Sir John Forrest, P.C., G.C.M.G.), Messrs. Cameron, Chapman, Conroy, Winter Cooke, Cruickshank, G. B. Edwards, Ewing, Fisher, Fuller, Glynn, Harper, Hartnoll, Hughes, Isaacs, Knox, McCay, McColl, Sir Malcolm McEacharn, Mr. Paterson, the Right Honorable G. H. Reid, P.C., Messrs. Salmon, Sawers, Bruce Smith, Sydney Smith, V. L. Solomon, Thomson, Watkins, Watson, and Wilks.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.