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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 7.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 4TH JUNE, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—Sir John Forrest presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 - Defence Forces—Regulations relating to, made under the Defence Acts of the States, and the Constitution of the Commonwealth—
 - Military Forces—
 - Allotment and Occupation of Quarters (dated 17th October, 1902).
 - Compensation for Injuries received on duty (dated 24th October, 1902).
 - Corps of Australian Engineers (dated 12th December, 1902).
 - Unattached List (dated 19th December, 1902).
 - Schools of Instruction (dated 19th December, 1902).
 - Royal Australian Artillery (dated 20th December, 1902, and 18th April, 1903).
 - Prohibiting attendance at Religious or Political meetings (dated 27th February, 1903).
 - Colonial Auxiliary Forces Long Service Medal (dated 27th February, 1903).
 - Medals for Distinguished Conduct, Meritorious Service, and Long Service, &c. (dated 13th March, 1903).
 - Travelling Allowances—Addition (dated 18th April, 1903).
 - Flag Stations (dated 25th April, 1903).
 - Commonwealth Uniform (dated 16th May, 1903).
 - Victoria—
 - Rifle Clubs—Alteration (dated 17th October, 1902).
 - Financial and Store Regulations—Alteration (dated 18th April, 1903).
 - General Regulations—Alteration (dated 18th April, 1903).
 - Medical and Veterinary Staff—Amendment (dated 16th May, 1903).
 - Queensland—
 - Volunteer Corps—Alteration (dated 5th December, 1902).
 - Tasmania—
 - Powers and Functions of Commandant (dated 22nd January, 1903).
 - Naval and Military Forces—Travelling allowances (dated 25th April, 1903).

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

3. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General, 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—

having been read—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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4. SUPPLY.—Sir Edmund Barton, in accordance with Standing Order No. 240, moved, That the House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. WAYS AND MEANS.—Sir Edmund Barton, in accordance with Standing Order No. 240, moved, That the House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
6. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (MR. R. EDWARDS).—Mr. Chapman (for Mr. Page) moved, pursuant to notice, That leave of absence for one month be granted to the honorable Member for Oxley (Mr. R. Edwards), on the ground of urgent private business.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
7. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (MR. KNOX).—Mr. Winter Cooke (for Mr. Skene) moved, pursuant to notice, That leave of absence for one month be granted to the honorable Member for Kooyong (Mr. Knox), who was detained in London on urgent private business, but is now on his way back to Australia.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
8. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (MR. MACDONALD-PATERSON).—Mr. L. E. Groom moved, pursuant to notice, That leave of absence for one month be granted to the honorable Member for Brisbane (Mr. Macdonald-Paterson), on the ground of urgent private business.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
9. DAYS OF BUSINESS.—Sir Edmund Barton moved, pursuant to notice, That, until otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for the despatch of business at half-past two o'clock on each Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoon, and at half-past ten o'clock on each Friday morning.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
10. ORDER OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Sir Edmund Barton moved, pursuant to notice, That on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in each week, until otherwise ordered, Government business shall take precedence of all other business; and that on Friday in each week, until otherwise ordered, General business shall take precedence of Government business.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
11. ORDER OF GENERAL BUSINESS.—Sir Edmund Barton moved, pursuant to notice, That on Friday in each week, until otherwise ordered, General business shall be called on in the following order, viz. :—
 - On one Friday—
 - Notices of Motion.
 - Orders of the Day.
 - On the alternate Friday—
 - Orders of the Day.
 - Notices of Motion.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
12. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES.—Mr. Phillips moved, pursuant to notice, That the honorable Member for Riverina, Mr. John Moore Chanter, be Chairman of Committees of the whole House.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
13. OFFICERS OF PERMANENT DEFENCE FORCES.—Mr. Tudor (for Mr. Crouch) moved, pursuant to notice, That a Return be laid upon the Table of the House showing—
 - (1) The persons appointed since 1st January, 1901, as permanent commissioned officers of the defence forces of the Commonwealth and their present rank and salary and past service, excepting those appointed only for South African service and those who before that date were officers in the defence forces of the States.
 - (2) The number of officers of the permanent forces of the Commonwealth who have served in its permanent forces under the rank of commissioned officer.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
14. DEFENCE FORCES—RETIREMENT OF LIEUTENANT-COLONELS BRAITHWAITE AND REAY.—Mr. Chanter (for Mr. Hume Cook) moved, pursuant to notice, That a copy of all the papers and documents connected with the proposed retirement of Lieutenant-Colonels Braithwaite and Reay be laid upon the Table of the House.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
15. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Edmund Barton moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

16. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Edmund Barton moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Cameron, Mr. Cruickshank, Mr. R. Edwards*, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Glynn, Mr. A. C. Groom, Mr. Harper, Mr. Knox*, Mr. Macdonald-Paterson*, Sir Malcolm McEacharn, Mr. F. E. McLean, Mr. Reid, Mr. Sawers, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. V. L. Solomon, and Mr. Watson.

* On leave.

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