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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 72.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 8TH OCTOBER, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—Sir John Forrest presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—
Commonwealth Franchise and Electoral Acts 1902—
Instructions to Divisional Returning Officers.
Instructions to Registrars.
Instructions to Presiding Officers.
3. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House 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 made progress in the Bill, and 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.

4. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT—BALLOT TO DETERMINE SITE OF.—The Order of the Day having been read for the taking of an open exhaustive Ballot to determine the opinion of Members as to the place in New South Wales at or near which the Seat of Government of the Commonwealth should be situated—

The House proceeded to the said ballot.

The Clerk having examined the ballot-papers, Mr. Speaker reported that the total number of votes given in the first ballot was as follows:—

Bombala	...	...	16	Lake George	...	...	2
Lyndhurst	...	...	14	Orange	...	...	2
Tumut	...	...	14	Bathurst	...	...	—
Albury	...	...	7	Dalgety	...	...	—
Armidale	...	...	6				

No site having received an absolute majority of votes—

Question—That Bathurst continue in the ballot—put and negatived.

Question—That Dalgety continue in the ballot—put and negatived.

The House then proceeded to a second ballot.

The Clerk having examined the ballot-papers, Mr. Speaker reported that the total number of votes given in the second ballot was as follows:—

Lyndhurst	...	...	21	Armidale	...	...	3
Bombala	...	...	16	Lake George	...	...	1
Tumut	...	...	14	Orange	...	...	1
Albury	...	...	5				

No site having received an absolute majority of votes—

Question—That Lake George continue in the ballot—put and negatived.

Question—That Orange continue in the ballot—put and negatived.

The House then proceeded to a third ballot.

The Clerk having examined the ballot-papers, Mr. Speaker reported that the total number of votes given in the third ballot was as follows:

Lyndhurst	...	...	23	Albury	...	...	5
Bombala	...	...	17	Armidale	...	...	1
Tumut	...	...	14				

No site having received an absolute majority of votes—

The name of Armidale was then struck out of the ballot-papers.

And the House then proceeded to a fourth ballot.

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And the House continuing to sit till after midnight—

FRIDAY, 9TH OCTOBER, 1903.

The Clerk having examined the ballot-papers, Mr. Speaker reported that the total number of votes given in the fourth ballot was as follows:—

Lyndhurst	...	...	25	Tumut	...	...	17
Bombala	...	...	17	Albury	..	...	2

No site having received an absolute majority of votes—

The name of Albury was then struck out of the ballot-papers.

And the House then proceeded to a fifth ballot.

The Clerk having examined the ballot-papers, Mr. Speaker reported that the total number of votes given in the fifth ballot was as follows:—

Lyndhurst	...	...	24	Bombala	...	...	16
Tumut	...	...	21				

No site having received an absolute majority of votes—

The name of Bombala was then struck out of the ballot-papers.

And the House then proceeded to a sixth ballot.

The Clerk having examined the ballot-papers, Mr. Speaker reported that the total number of votes given in the sixth and final ballot was as follows:—

Tumut	36	Lyndhurst	25
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5. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT BILL.—A site having received an absolute majority of votes, and the taking of the ballot having been thus completed, the House according to Order again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Chanter reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and 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.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—EXTRADITION BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 26.

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

The Senate,
Melbourne, 8th October, 1903.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

7. EXTRADITION BILL.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Extradition*," 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 the next sitting.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—HIGH COURT PROCEDURE AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 27.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'High Court Procedure Act, 1903'*," to which it desires the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 8th October, 1903.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

9. HIGH COURT PROCEDURE AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'High Court Procedure Act 1903'*," 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 the next sitting.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at one minute to one o'clock in the morning adjourned until this day, at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Bamford, Mr. Cruickshank, Sir Philip Fysh Mr. Glynn, Mr. A. C. Groom, Mr. Harper, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Poynton, and Mr. V. L. Solomon.

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