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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 66.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 18TH AUGUST, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. FORMATION OF NEW MINISTRY.—Mr. Reid informed the House that he had been commissioned by His Excellency the Governor-General to form a new Administration, and that he had accordingly formed a new Ministry as follows:—

The Right Honorable George Houstoun Reid to be Minister of State for External Affairs and Prime Minister;

The Honorable Allan McLean to be Minister of State for Trade and Customs;

The Honorable Sir Josiah Henry Symon to be Attorney-General;

The Right Honorable Sir George Turner to be Treasurer;

The Honorable Dugald Thomson to be Minister of State for Home Affairs;

The Honorable James Whiteside McCay to be Minister of State for Defence;

The Honorable Sydney Smith to be Postmaster-General;

and that

The Honorable James George Drake would be Vice-President of the Executive Council.

3. ELECTORAL ACT ADMINISTRATION.—TIME FOR REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Groom moved, by leave, That the time for bringing up the Report of the Select Committee on Electoral Act Administration be further extended to Friday, 30th September next.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered, That the consideration of all other Business be postponed until the next day of meeting.
5. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 3) 1904-5.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented by Sir George Turner, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

NORTHCOTE,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 16.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and five.

17th August, 1904.

Ordered to lie on the Table and to be referred to the Committee of Supply.

6. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.  
Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to notice, 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.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.  
Mr. Salmon also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.  
Resolved—That the House will, on the next day of meeting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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7. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—Mr. Salmon reported from the Committee of Supply a certain resolution, which was read, and is as follows :—

*Resolved*—That a sum not exceeding Three hundred and twenty-six thousand four hundred and twenty-two pounds be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year ending 30th June, 1905.

And the said resolution was adopted by the House.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.

Mr. Salmon also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

9. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION.—Mr. Salmon 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, 1905, a sum not exceeding Three hundred and twenty-six thousand four hundred and twenty-two pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

And the said resolution was adopted by the House.

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

10. SUPPLY BILL (No. 3) 1904-5.—Sir George Turner then brought up a Bill intituled, “*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and five,*” 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.

Debate ensued.

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

Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.

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

Sir George Turner moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

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

11. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Reid moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday, 7th September next.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

12. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Reid moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at thirty-eight minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, 7th September next, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Joseph Cook, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Knox, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. McColl, Mr. McWilliams, Sir John Quick, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Storrer, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Wilks, and Mr. Willis.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*