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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 72.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITION.—Mr. McWilliams presented a Petition from George Kerr, A. Eckford, styling themselves respectively Mayor of Hobart and Chairman of the Queenborough Town Board, and others, praying that the House will not sanction the retention of the present site for a rifle range at Queenborough, Tasmania, but that a more suitable site will be selected at less cost, and with better protection to life, and thus prevent the injury now being done to citizens and owners of property.
Petition received and read.
3. PROPOSED STANDING ORDER—CLOSURE.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Deakin :—

That, notwithstanding any provisions in the Standing Orders to the contrary, there be forthwith adopted the following Standing Order, namely :—

- (a) After any question has been proposed, either in the House or in any Committee of the Whole, a motion may be made by any Member, rising in his place, and without notice, and whether any other Member is addressing the Chair or not, "That the question be now put," and the motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate.
- (b) When the motion, "That the question be now put" has been carried, and the question consequent thereon has been decided, any further motion may be at once made which may be requisite to bring to a decision any question already proposed from the Chair; and also if a clause be then under consideration, a motion may be made, "That the question, 'That certain words of the clause defined in the motion stand part of the clause,' or 'That the clause stand part of or be added to the Bill' be now put." Such motions shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate.
- (c) An affirmative vote of not less than 24 Members shall be necessary to carry any motion under this Standing Order—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Dugald Thomson moved, as an amendment, That [after the word "namely" in line 2 of the motion, the following words be inserted, with the view of omitting the remainder of the motion :—

"No Member shall speak for more than one hour on any question before the House except in the debate on the Address-in-Reply, or on the Budget, or in a debate on a motion of 'No Confidence,' or in moving the second reading of a Bill, or in moving a resolution.

In a Committee of the House no Member shall speak for more than one hour in all, or four times in all, on any question before the Committee. This rule shall not apply to a Member in charge of a Bill or resolution.

"Any Member may speak for a longer period or more frequently than is allowed by the two next preceding rules with the leave of an ordinary majority of the House or Committee, as the case may be. The question whether the Member be further heard shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate."

Amendment, by leave, temporarily withdrawn.

Debate on main question continued.

Mr. Wilks moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

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4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—AMENDMENTS INCORPORATION BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

Message No. 22.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Senate has agreed to the Bill returned herewith intituled "*A Bill for an Act to incorporate Amendments in Amended Acts,*" with the amendments indicated in the annexed Schedule, in which amendments the Senate desires the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 22nd November, 1905.

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. Salmon reported that the Committee had agreed to the amendments, which are as follow :—

No. 1.—Clause 3, first line of clause, leave out "On all copies" insert "There shall be printed on every reprint".

No. 2.—Clause 3, last line of clause, leave out "shall be made on the first page of each copy issued".

On the motion of Mr. Groom, the House adopted the Report.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir John Forrest moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at thirty-seven minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Fowler, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Harter, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. McColl, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Sir George Turner, and Mr. Wilson.

* On leave.

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