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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 86.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 15TH DECEMBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER.—Mr. Groom presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Federal Capital Site.—Report by Mr. District-Surveyor Scrivener on the areas near Dalgety,  
together with Plans.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

3. MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND BUILDINGS, 1903-4 AND 1904-5.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :—

NORTHCOTE,  
*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 28.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Further Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and four, and recommends an Appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Melbourne, 9th December, 1905.

NORTHCOTE,  
*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 29.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and five, and recommends an Appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Melbourne, 9th December, 1905.

NORTHCOTE,  
*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 30.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Further Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works, and Buildings, for the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and four, and recommends an Appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Melbourne, 9th December, 1905.

NORTHCOTE,  
*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 31.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and five, and recommends an Appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Melbourne, 9th December, 1905.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, to be printed and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered—That the Committee of Supply and the Committee of Ways and Means be made Orders of the Day for to-morrow.

15th December, 1905.

4. **STANDING ORDERS.—LAPSED BILLS.**—Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to notice, That the following Standing Orders, recommended by the Standing Orders Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives, be adopted by this House, in substitution for existing Standing Orders 214A and 214B :—

214A. Any public Bill which lapses by reason of a Prorogation before it has reached its final stage may be proceeded with in the next ensuing Session at the stage it had reached in the preceding Session, if a periodical election for the Senate or general election for either House has not taken place between such two Sessions, under the following conditions :—

- (a) If the Bill be in the possession of the House in which it originated, not having been sent to the other House, or, if sent, then returned by Message, it may be proceeded with by resolution of the House in which it is, restoring it to the Notice-paper.
- (b) If the Bill be in the possession of the House in which it did not originate it may be proceeded with by resolution of the House in which it is, restoring it to the Notice-paper, but such resolution shall not be passed unless a Message has been received from the House in which it originated, requesting that its consideration may be resumed.

214B. Any Bill so restored to the Notice-paper shall thenceforth be proceeded with in both Houses as if its passage had not been interrupted by a Prorogation, and, if finally passed, be presented to the Governor-General for His Majesty's Assent.

214C. Should the motion for restoration to the Notice-paper be not agreed to by the House in which the Bill originated, the Bill may be introduced and proceeded with in the ordinary manner.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

5. **ELECTORAL BILL (1905).**—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill 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 gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same with amendments.

Mr. Groom moved, by leave, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clauses 9A, 15, 26B, 27, 28, 42A, 47, 50, and 51.

Mr. Batchelor moved, That clause 17 and Form B be added to the portion of the Bill to be recommitted.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Chanter moved, That clauses 48 and 49 be added to the portion of the Bill to be recommitted.

Question put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 16.		Noes, 17.	
Mr. Bamford,	Mr. O'Malley,	Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Ronald,
Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Conroy,	Mr. Spence,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Deakin,	Mr. David Thomson,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Tudor,	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Watkins.	Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Wilkinson.
Mr. Johnson,		Mr. Frazer,	
Mr. Kennedy,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Groom,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Brown,	Mr. Knox,	
Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Carpenter.	Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Hume Cook,
		Sir William Lyne,	Mr. Storer.

And so it passed in the negative.

Ordered—That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clauses 9A, 15, 17, 26B, 27, 28, 42A, 47, 50, and 51, and Form B.

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

Mr. Speaker again resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had reconsidered the portions of the Bill referred to it, and had agreed to the same with further amendments.

Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to contingent notice by Mr. Deakin, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the Bill to pass through all its remaining stages without delay.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Groom moved, That the Reports from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill be now adopted.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

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

6. **EXCISE [SUGAR] TARIFF BILL (1905).**—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

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 gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same with amendments.

Sir William Lyne moved, pursuant to contingent notice by Mr. Deakin, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the Bill to pass through all its remaining stages without delay.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Sir William Lyne moved, That the Report from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill be now adopted.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Sir William Lyne moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

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

7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CONTRACT IMMIGRANTS BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 30.

The Senate has agreed to the Bill returned herewith intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Immigrants under Contract to perform Manual Labour in the Commonwealth*," 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, 15th December, 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 made by the Senate.

And the said amendments were read, and are as follow :—

SCHEDULE OF AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

No. 1.—Page 2, clause 5, lines 4–6, leave out "except in the case of British subjects born in the United Kingdom or their descendants born in any part of the British Empire".

No. 2.—Page 2, clause 5, line 8, after "ability" insert "(but this paragraph does not apply where the contract immigrant is a British subject either born in the United Kingdom or descended from a British subject there born)"

No. 3.—Page 2, clause 7, line 47, after "Commonwealth" insert "or within one year after he has entered the Commonwealth"

No. 4.—Page 3, clause 7, line 1, after "contract" insert "or"

No. 5.—Page 3, after clause 8 insert new clause—

"8A. Any employer who in the contract wilfully makes any untrue representation, by which the contract immigrant is misled to his detriment, as to the wages, hours, or conditions of labour at the place where the contract is to be performed, shall be guilty of an offence against this Act.

Penalty for untrue representations.

Penalty: Twenty pounds."

No. 6.—Page 3, after clause 9 insert new clause—

"9A. The Minister shall lay on the Table of each House of the Parliament annually a printed return showing—

Annual Return of Contracts, &c.

(a) The number of contract immigrants admitted into the Commonwealth, the nationality and occupation of such immigrants.

(b) The number of employers engaging such contract immigrants and the number of such contract immigrants engaged by each employer.

(c) The places at which the contract immigrants have agreed to work.

(d) The number of contracts disapproved.

(e) The number of contract immigrants refused admission and the reasons for such refusal.

On the motion of Mr. Deakin, the House adopted the report.

8. PAPER.—Mr. Speaker presented—

Finance 1904–5.—The Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Expenditure during the year ended 30th June, 1905, accompanied by the Report of the Auditor-General.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

9. JOINT LIBRARY COMMITTEE—REPORT FROM.—Mr. Deakin, for Mr. Speaker, Chairman, presented a Report from the Joint Library Committee.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

10. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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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 two minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Culpin, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Fowler, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Kingston, Mr. McCay, and Mr. Reid.

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