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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 60.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER, 1906

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITION.—Mr. Glynn presented a Petition, containing 8,366 signatures, from certain inhabitants of Adelaide, praying that the House will so amend the Lands Acquisition Bill that all Crown lands dedicated for public parks, or for recreation of the public, may be excluded from its operation. Petition received and read.
3. PAPER.—Sir John Forrest presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
Audit Act 1901.—Transfers of Amounts approved by the Governor-General in Council—
Financial year 1905-6 (dated 18th September, 1906).
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1, be postponed until a later hour this day.
5. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (STATE DEBTS) BILL.—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—
Debate resumed—
6. DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.—On the suggestion of Mr. Deakin, His Excellency Vice-Admiral Sir W. H. Fawkes was provided with a seat on the floor of the House.
7. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (STATE DEBTS) BILL.—The debate (interrupted as above) on the question, That this Bill be now read a second time, was resumed.
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. Batchelor reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same without amendment.
On the motion of Sir John Forrest, the House adopted the Report.
Ordered, by leave—That the third reading be made an Order of the Day for this day, at a later hour.
8. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (SENATE ELECTIONS) BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Groom 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. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Batchelor reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same without amendment.
On the motion of Mr. Groom, the House adopted the Report.
Ordered, by leave—That the third reading be made an Order of the Day for this day, at a later hour.

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9. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered, That the consideration of Order of the Day Government Business, No. 4, be postponed until a later hour this day.
10. **REFERENDUM (CONSTITUTION ALTERATION) BILL.**—The Order of the Day having been read for the third reading of this Bill—Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clause 6 and the Schedule, Forms A, B, and C and the consideration of new clause 31A.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Batchelor reported that the Committee had reconsidered the portions of the Bill referred to it, and had agreed to the same with further amendments.
Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the Bill to pass through its remaining stages without delay.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
On the motion of Mr. Groom, the House adopted the Report.
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.
11. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Batchelor reported that the Committee had made progress, 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.
12. **WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTIONS.—BRITISH PREFERENCE.**—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of certain Resolutions reported from the Committee of Ways and Means—Ordered, after debate—That the Resolutions be recommitted for the reconsideration of item 136, item 115 (as to watches), item 85 (A) and (B), Division VII. (*d*), (*f*) (as to Paris Green), and (*i*).
Mr. Speaker thereupon left the Chair, and the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress, 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.
13. **CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (STATE DEBTS) BILL.**—The Order of the Day having been read for the third reading of this Bill—Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question—put.
The House divided—

Ayes, 50.		Noes, 3.	Tellers.
Mr. Bamford,	Sir William Lyne,	Mr. O'Malley.	Mr. Brown,
Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. Maloney,		Mr. Page.
Sir Langdon Bonython,	Mr. McCay,		
Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. McCoil,		
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. McDonald,		
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Poynton,		
Mr. Crouch,	Sir John Quick,		
Mr. Culpin,	Mr. Ronald,		
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Salmon,		
Mr. G. B. Edwards,	Mr. Skene,		
Mr. R. Edwards,	Mr. Storrer,		
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Thomas,		
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Dugald		
Sir John Forrest,	Thomson,		
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Tudor,		
Mr. Glynn,	Sir George Turner,		
Mr. Groom,	Mr. Watkins,		
Mr. Harper,	Mr. Watson,		
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. Webster,		
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Wilkinson,		
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Willis,		
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Wilson.		
Mr. Johnson,			
Mr. Kelly,	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Mr. Kennedy,			
Mr. Knox,	Mr. Hume Cook,		
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Mauger.		

And so the question—That the Bill be now read a third time—was resolved in the affirmative by an absolute majority of the House.
Bill accordingly read a third time.

14. **CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (SENATE ELECTIONS) BILL.**—The Order of the Day having been read for the third reading of this Bill—Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.

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Question—put.

And no Members voting with the "Noes," and the following Members voting with the "Ayes" :—

Ayes, 52.

Mr. Bamford,	Mr. Glynn,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. Groom,	Mr. Poynton.
Sir Langdon	Mr. Harper,	Sir John Quick,
Bonython,	Mr. Higgins,	Mr. Ronald,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Skene,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Storrer,
Mr. Hume Cook,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. Dugald
Mr. Crouch,	Sir William Lyne,	Thomson,
Mr. Culpin,	Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Tudor,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Maloney,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. G. B. Edwards,	Mr. Mauger,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. R. Edwards,	Mr. McCay,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. McColl,	Mr. Webster,
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Wilkinson,
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. McWilliams,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. O'Malley,	Mr. Wilson.

—the question—That the Bill be now read a third time—was resolved in the affirmative by an absolute majority of the House.

Bill accordingly read a third time.

15. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (SPECIAL DUTIES) BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the third reading of this Bill—Mr. Deakin moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 44.

Mr. Bamford,	Mr. Maloney,
Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. Mauger,
Sir Langdon	Mr. McCay,
Bonython,	Mr. McColl,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. McWilliams,
Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. O'Malley,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Poynton,
Mr. Culpin,	Sir John Quick,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Ronald,
Mr. R. Edwards,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Storrer,
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Thomas,
Sir John Forrest,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Groom,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Harper,	Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Hughes,	Mr. Wilson.
Mr. Hutchison,	
Mr. Isaacs,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Kennedy,	
Sir William Lyne,	Mr. Hume Cook,
Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Tudor.

Noes, 10.

Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,
Mr. Glynn,	Mr. Webster.
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Liddell,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. G. B. Edwards,
Mr. Skene,	Mr. Kelly.

And so the question—That the Bill be now read a third time—was resolved in the affirmative by an absolute majority of the House.

Bill accordingly read a third time.

16. PAPER.—Sir John Forrest presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

State Public Debts.—Statement showing amount of saving to the year 1952, assuming that the Commonwealth can float loans at quarter per cent. less interest than the States, and that such quarter per cent. be accumulated at 3 per cent. per annum compound interest.

Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had reconsidered the items in regard to British Preference, recommitted to it, and had agreed to the same, with further amendments.

Ordered, by leave—That the Resolutions be considered at once.

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

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

18. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTIONS.—BRITISH PREFERENCE.—The Resolutions reported from the Committee of Ways and Means were read, and are as follow :—

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IMPORT DUTIES.

Resolved, with a view of giving preference to the United Kingdom, That in lieu of the duties of Customs imposed by the Customs Tariff 1902 on the items shown in the attached schedule, duties of Customs shall from the 30th day of August, 1906, at 4.30 p.m., Victorian time, be imposed as follows:—

THE SCHEDULE.

“N.E.I.” means “not elsewhere included.”

All imitations to be dutiable at the rate chargeable on the goods they imitate, unless such rate is less than the rate which would otherwise be chargeable on the imitations.

IMPORT DUTIES.

No. of Item in Customs Tariff 1902.	Dutiable Goods.	Rate of duty prior to this resolution.	Duties.	
			On dutiable goods the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom and imported direct in British ships.	On dutiable goods not the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom or not imported direct in British ships.
Item 136 (A)...	Arms and Ammunition—	Free	Free	
„ 136 (E)...	Ammunition and Cartridges, n.e.i.	Free	Free	ad val. 10 per cent.
	Dynamite	Free	Free	ad val. 10 per cent. up to 4.30 p.m., Victorian time, on 14th Sept., 1906
„ 136 (E)...	Explosives, n.e.i.	Free	Free	ad val. 10 per cent. on and after 4.30 p.m., Victorian time, on 14th Sept., 1906
„ 136 (C)...	Fuse	Free	Free	ad val. 10 per cent.
„ 73 (A) ...	Revolvers, Pistols, Air Guns and Air Pistols, Bayonets, Swords, Fencing Foils and Masks, Gun, Revolver and Pistol Covers, Cases, and Fittings, Loading Tools, and Cartridge Belts ... ad val.	15 per cent.	15 per cent.	22½ per cent.
Item 73 (B) ...	Rifles, n.e.i., and Shot Guns ad val.	10 per cent.	10 per cent.	15 per cent.
Div. VI. (a) ...	Arms, viz.:—Rifles, Military and Match, including Cadet Rifles ...	Free	Free	ad val. 10 per cent.
Item 111 (A)...	Wicker, Bamboo, Cane, or Wood—All articles n.e.i., made of, whether partly or wholly finished, including Bellows, Casks, Shooks, Sashes and Frames, Timber bent, n.e.i., Wood cut into shape and dressed or partly dressed for making boxes or doors, Walking Sticks and Canes ... ad val.	20 per cent.	20 per cent.	30 per cent.
Div. X. (o) ...	Wicker, Bamboo, Cane, or Wood, viz.:—			
„ X. (r) ...	Buckets, Wooden			
„ X. (s) ...	Last blocks, rough turned ...			
„ X. (t) ...	Lasts and Trees, wooden ...	Free	Free	ad val 10 per cent.
	Wooden Type, Wooden Type Cases, and Type Cabinets and Cases			
Item 124 ...	Bicycles, Tricycles, and similar vehicles; Vehicles, n.e.i., and parts thereof, n.e.i.; Cycle parts (except tyres) plated, enamelled, polished, or otherwise completed, or brazed, or permanently joined, including Cycle accessories and Motor vehicles ... ad val.	20 per cent.	20 per cent.	30 per cent.
	Boots and Shoes, except partly or wholly of lasting or stuff, English sizes to be the standard, viz.:—			
„ 116 (A) ...	Men's sizes above 5 ...			
„ 116 (B) ...	Youths' sizes above 1 ...			
„ 116 (C) ...	Boys' sizes 7 to 1 ...			
„ 116 (D) ...	Women's sizes above 2 ...	ad val.	30 per cent.	40 per cent.
„ 116 (E) ...	Girls' sizes above 10... ..			
„ 116 (F) ...	Girls' sizes 7 to 10 ...			
„ 116 (G) ...	Slippers, Leather			
„ 117 (A) ...	Boots and Shoes, n.e.i. (including Indiarubber), Goloshes, Slippers, n.e.i., Boot and Shoe Uppers and Tops, Clogs and Pattens, Wading Boots, Slipper Forms in the piece or otherwise, Cork, Leather, or other Socks or Soles ... ad val.	25 per cent.	25 per cent.	35 per cent.
„ 117 (B) ...	Rubber Sand Shoes ... ad val.	20 per cent.	20 per cent.	30 per cent.

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SCHEDULE—continued.

No. of Item in Customs Tariff 1902.	Dutiable Goods.	Rate of duty prior to this resolution.	Duties.		
			On dutiable goods the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom and imported direct in British ships.	On dutiable goods not the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom or not imported direct in British ships.	
Item 115 ...	Clocks, and Chronometers, n.e.i., and parts thereof, Time Registers and Detectors, Opera, Field, and Marine Glasses, Pedometers, Pocket Counters, Kinetographs, Kinetoscopes, Phonographs, Graphophones, Gramophones, Cameras, and Magic Lanterns, including accessories	ad val.	20 per cent.	20 per cent.	30 per cent.
Div. XI. (f) ...	Ships' Compasses, Pocket Compasses, Surveyors' Compasses, except when mounted in gold or silver	} Free	Free	Free	ad val. 10 per cent.
„ (g) ...	Ships' Chronometers, Patent Logs, and Sounding Machines				
„ (i) ...	Microscopes, Telescopes, Spectacles, except gold, silver, or gold-plated or silver-plated; Barometers and Thermometers, except advertising, and Watch and Clock Springs				
Item 109 ...	Furniture n.e.i. (except metal), in parts or finished, including Billiard and Bagatelle Tables and Boards and Accessories, Photograph Frames and Stands for Pictures, Picture Frames (on pictures or otherwise), and Picture Mouldings, Cabinets, Brackets, Trays, Verandah Blinds, Screens, Hair (Curled), Show Figures for Draping or other purposes, Writing and Stationery Cases, Writing Desks, and Mirrors, framed or set	ad val.	20 per cent.	20 per cent.	30 per cent.
Item 78 (H) ...	Engines, Gas and Oil, and High-speed Engines and Turbines, water and steam	ad val.	12½ per cent.	12½ per cent.	22½ per cent.
„ 85 (A) ...	Paints and Colours— Ground, in Liquid	per cwt.	2s.	2s.	2s. 6d.
„ 85 (B) ...	Prepared for use	„	4s.	4s.	5s.
Div. VII. (b) ...	Ceramic colours	„	} Free	Free	ad val. 10 per cent.
„ (c) ...	Colours, Artists'	„			
„ (e) ...	Lamp, Ivory, Bone, and Vegetable Blacks	„			
„ (f) ...	London Purple	„			
„ (g) ...	Prepared Glazes for Pottery	„			
„ (h) ...	Sulphate of Copper	„			
Item 122 (G) ...	Paper, Bags	per cwt.	5s.	5s.	6s.
„ 122 (H) ...	Paperhangings	ad val.	15 per cent.	15 per cent.	25 per cent.
„ 44 (A) ...	Pickles, Sauces, Chutneys, Olives, and Capers— Quarter-pints and smaller sizes	per doz.	6d.	6d.	7½d.
„ 44 (B) ...	Half-pints and over quarter-pints	per doz.	1s.	1s.	1s. 3d.
„ 44 (C) ...	Pints and over half-pints	per doz.	2s.	2s.	2s. 6d.
„ 44 (D) ...	Quarts and over pints	per doz.	4s.	4s.	5s.
„ 44 (E) ...	Exceeding a quart	per gall.	1s. 4d.	1s. 4d.	1s. 8d.
„ 78 (C) ...	Cutlery, n.e.i. (including Manicure Sets and Knife Sharpeners); also Instruments, Drawing, Mathematical and Surveying	ad val.	15 per cent.	15 per cent.	25 per cent.
„ 78 (M) ...	Platedware and Plated Cutlery	ad val.	20 per cent.	20 per cent.	30 per cent.
„ 53 (A) ...	Starch, including Starch in powdered form	per lb.	2d.	2d.	2½d.

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And the said Resolutions were, on the motion of Sir William Lyne, adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir William Lyne and Mr. Deakin do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Chanter, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Fuller, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Reid, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Spence, and Mr. David Thomson.

* On leave.

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