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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 42.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 8TH DECEMBER, 1908.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. Hutchison presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Defence Acts—Military Forces—Regulations Amended (Provisional)—
 - No. 6 (10A)—Statutory Rules 1908, No. 122.
 - No. 74 (b), (c), (d)—Statutory Rules 1908, No. 121.
 - No. 121A—Statutory Rules 1908, No. 123.
3. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after midnight—

WEDNESDAY, 9TH DECEMBER, 1908.

- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Poynton reported that the Committee had agreed to certain Resolutions.
- Mr. Poynton also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
- Resolved—That the House will, at its next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
4. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Fisher moved, by leave, That the Standing Orders be suspended in order to allow the Report from the Committee of Supply to be adopted, and the *Appropriation Bill* 1908-9 to be passed through all its stages without delay.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 5. SUPPLY RESOLUTIONS.—The Resolutions reported from the Committee of Supply were read, and are as follow :—

ESTIMATES, 1908-9.

Resolved—That, including the several sums already voted in the last and in this present Session of Parliament for such services, there be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1908-9 for the several services hereunder specified, sums not exceeding in each case the following amounts, viz. :—

i. The Parliament	...	...	£31,080
ii. The Department of External Affairs	...	...	75,442
iii. The Attorney-General's Department	...	...	15,518
iv. The Department of Home Affairs	...	...	289,515
v. The Department of the Treasury	...	..	54,314
Refunds of Revenue	...	...	100,000
Advance to the Treasurer	...	...	200,000
vi. The Department of Trade and Customs	...	...	333,343
vii. The Department of Defence	...	...	722,543
viii. The Postmaster-General's Department	...	...	2,955,917

And the said Resolutions were, on the motion of Mr. Fisher, adopted, after debate, by the House.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 11 inclusive be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 12.

8th and 9th December, 1908.

7. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Poynton reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain Resolution.
- Mr. Poynton also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
- Resolved—That the House will, at its next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
8. **WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION.**—The Resolution reported from the Committee of Ways and Means was read, and is as follows:—

ESTIMATES, 1908-9.

Resolved—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1908-9, a sum not exceeding Two million six hundred and thirty-seven thousand two hundred and ninety-eight pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

And the said Resolution was, on the motion of Mr. Fisher, adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Fisher and Mr. Batchelor do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

9. **APPROPRIATION BILL 1908-9.**—Mr. Fisher then brought up a Bill intituled “*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 nine and to appropriate the Supplies granted for such year in this and the last preceding session of the Parliament,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
- Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
- Mr. Fisher moved, 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. Poynton reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.
- On the motion of Mr. Fisher, the House adopted the Report.
- Mr. Fisher moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
- Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.
10. **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—SEAT OF GOVERNMENT [YASS-CANBERRA] BILL.**—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—
- MR. SPEAKER, *Message No. 6.*
- The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to Determine the Seat of Government of the Commonwealth,*” to which it has agreed without amendment.
- A. J. GOULD,
President.
- The Senate,
Melbourne, 8th December, 1908.
11. **SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow.
- Debate ensued.
- Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
12. **PAPER.**—Mr. Mahon presented, pursuant to Statute—
- Lands Acquisition Act—Lands leased at Barnawartha, Victoria, to Mr. W. D. Ryan; and at Cargo, New South Wales, to Mr. W. M. Collins.
13. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House do now adjourn.
- Debate ensued.
- Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at half-past five o'clock in the morning, adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Catts, Mr. Chapman, Sir Thomas Ewing, Mr. Reid, and Mr. Wynne.

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