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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 26.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 29TH JULY, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. WAKEFIELD ELECTORAL DIVISION.—ISSUE OF WRIT.—Mr. Speaker announced to the House that he had that day issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Wakefield, in the State of South Australia, in the place of the Honorable Sir Frederick William Holder, deceased. The dates appointed in the Writ were as follow :—
 - Date of Nomination—Saturday, 14th August, 1909.
 - Date of Polling—Saturday, 28th August, 1909.
 - Return of Writ—On or before 25th September, 1909.
3. PAPERS.—Mr. Joseph Cook presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 - Defence—Imperial General Staff—Correspondence relating to the Proposed Formation of, including Major-General Hoad's proposals with regard to an Australian Section thereof.
 Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Joseph Cook presented, pursuant to Statute—

 - Defence Acts—Provisional Regulations—
 - Military Cadet Corps—
 - Regulations Amended—
 - Nos. 3 and 8—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 86.
 - Military Forces—
 - Financial and Allowance Regulations Amended—
 - No. 65—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 80.
 - No. 73—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 81.
 - No. 78—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 82.
 - No. 148—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 83.
 - No. 204—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 84.
 - No. 233A—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 85.
 - Naval Forces—
 - Financial and Allowance Regulations Amended—
 - Nos. 48 and 50A—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 79.
 - Mr. Groom presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 - Northern Territory—Transfer to the Commonwealth—
 - Correspondence (dated 15th October, 1906, to 16th July, 1909.)
 - Memorandum prepared under the direction of the Hon. L. E. Groom, Minister for External Affairs, in connexion with the Bill for the acceptance of the Territory.
 - Shearing Wet Sheep—Report of Investigations carried out by a Joint Conference of the Pastoralists' Associations and the Australian Workers' Union, 1908–9.
 Severally ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.

Mr. Fuller presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

 - Federal Capital—Proposed Site at Yass—Canberra.—Report by Chief Engineer for Harbors and Water Supply, New South Wales (E. M. de Burgh) *re* Flow of Cotter River from 1st January to 7th July, 1909.
 Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.

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4. **TARIFF ANOMALIES.**—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Sir William Lyne:—"That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should proceed without delay to introduce a Bill for an Act to remove the anomalies existing in the present Customs and Excise Tariff Acts, and to add such other duties as may be deemed necessary"—Debate resumed.

Mr. Fairbairn moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word "House" be omitted from the motion with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof:—"the Government declaration that Consideration is being given to the adjustment of anomalies in the Tariff, and any Bill on the subject would, as a matter of course, safeguard the interests of the producers and manufacturers of the Commonwealth. Each anomaly will be dealt with according to its character; the general policy of the existing Tariff being maintained' is satisfactory."

Debate ensued.

Mr. Bruce Smith addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday next.

5. **MONOPOLIES—FEDERAL CONTROL OF.**—Mr. Hall moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable to so amend the Commonwealth Constitution as to confer upon the Federal Parliament power to own and control monopolies.

Mr. Hedges moved, That the debate be now adjourned—put.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Kelly
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Liddell
Mr. Coon	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Reid
Mr. Deakin	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Edwards	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Bruce Smith
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Dugald Thomson
Mr. Fuller	Mr. John Thomson
Sir Philip Fysh	Mr. Wilks
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Willis
Mr. Groom	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Hedges	
Mr. Hans Irvine	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. W. H. Irvine	Mr. Archer
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Hume Cook

Noes, 23.

Mr. Bamford	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Batchelor	Mr. McDougall
Mr. Thomas Brown	Mr. Page
Mr. Carr	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Catts	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Foster	Mr. Webster
Mr. Frazer	Mr. Wise
Mr. Hall	
Mr. Hutchison	
Sir William Lyne	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mahon	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Watkins

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 26th August next.

6. **MUNICIPAL RATES—PAYMENT OF, BY COMMONWEALTH.**—Mr. Kelly moved, pursuant to notice, That this House, following the practice of the House of Commons, is of opinion, in view of the unequal distribution of Federal properties in the various municipalities of Australia, that the Commonwealth should grant yearly to each municipality, as an act of grace, an amount equal to the municipal rates and taxes which it would have to pay were it not exempt from taxation under the Constitution.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Atkinson 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 Thursday, 12th August next.

7. **MINISTRIES.—ELECTION BY PARLIAMENT.**—Mr. Chanter moved, pursuant to notice—

- (1) That, in the best interests of a forward progressive Australian policy, this House resolves that, in the future, Parliament should elect its Ministry.
- (2) That this resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor-General.

Mr. Chanter, not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 19th August next.

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8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—THE LATE HONORABLE SIR F. W. HOLDER, K.C.M.G.—THE SPEAKER.
—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 4.

The Senate transmits to the House of Representatives the following Resolution, passed by the Senate on Wednesday, 28th instant :—The Parliament records its high appreciation of the many and eminent services rendered to the Commonwealth by the late Sir Frederick Holder, particularly during his tenure of the arduous office of Speaker from its first assembling until his decease on Friday last. Inspired by a lofty conception of the duties of his office, he presided over the House of Representatives with conspicuous ability, firmness and impartiality. An unsparing devotion to administrative duties was associated with a personal courtesy which endeared him to Members and Officers of the House. The founding of a National Library has been among the most important of his special interests. All citizens of Australia will concur in tendering their profound sympathy to the bereaved wife and family of a most distinguished Australian, whose loss is deeply felt by the whole community.

A. J. GOULD,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 29th July, 1909.

9. PRIVILEGE—RECORD IN VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF 28TH JULY, 1909.—Mr. Mahon moved, That the Votes and Proceedings of the House of Representatives, page 62, dated 28th July, 1909, be amended by the omission of the following entries :—

“And the numbers being equal the Clerk stated that he would not take the responsibility of stopping the debate, and therefore gave a casting vote with the Noes—

“And a point of order being raised that the Clerk could not vote, the Clerk, as Chairman, ruled that if he had not a casting vote as Chairman, nevertheless the motion for adjournment, not having received a majority of votes, had not been agreed to.”

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Bamford	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Batchelor	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Thomas Brown	Mr. Page
Mr. Carr	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Catts	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Foster	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Frazer	
Mr. Hall	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Mahon	Mr. Webster

Noes, 32.

Mr. Archer	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Liddell
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Coon	Mr. Reid
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Deakin	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Bruce Smith
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Dugald Thomson
Mr. Fowler	Mr. John Thomson
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Wilks
Sir Philip Fysh	Mr. Willis
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Groom	Mr. Wynne
Mr. Harper	
Mr. Hedges	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hans Irvine	Mr. Hume Cook
Mr. W. H. Irvine	Mr. Kelly

And so it passed in the negative.

10. OLD-AGE PENSIONS APPROPRIATION BILL (1909).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill, Sir John Forrest 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. McDonald 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.

Sir John Forrest moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a third time.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at four minutes to eleven 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. Chapman*, Sir Thomas Ewing, Colonel Foxton*, Mr. Knox, and Mr. Watson*.

* On leave.

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