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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 35.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 9TH OCTOBER, 1913.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. Glynn presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
International Forest Congress held at Paris, June, 1913—Report by Professor Percy Groom
M.A., D.Sc.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
Mr. Kelly presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Railways—Statement showing staff employed in the Commonwealth Railways at 30th September,
1913.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
Mr. Joseph Cook presented, pursuant to Statute—
Public Service Act—List of Permanent Officers of the Commonwealth Public Service, as on 30th
June, 1913.
Mr. Kelly presented, pursuant to Statute—
Naval Defence Act—Provisional Regulations—Universal Training—Royal Australian Naval
Reserve (O).—Statutory Rules 1913, No. 250.
3. TASMANIA—LOSS BY, UNDER FEDERATION.—The Notice of Motion on this subject by Mr. Atkinson
was ruled out of order, as a motion on the matter had already been moved.
4. STEAMSHIP SERVICE (GOVERNMENT-OWNED) TO TASMANIA.—Mr. O'Malley moved, pursuant to notice,
That, in view of the fact that the £13,000 annually paid for the carriage of mails between
Tasmania and the mainland would pay the interest and sinking fund on a Government-owned
steam-ship line, this House is of opinion that it is desirable that the Government should
immediately establish and operate a fast steamer service between Australia and Tasmania.
Mr. Jensen 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, 23rd instant.
It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, in accordance with Standing
Order No. 119 the Orders of the Day were called on.
5. TELEPHONE LINES—COUNTRY TENDERS.—Mr. Palmer moved, pursuant to order, That, in order to
cheapen the cost of country telephone lines, tenders should be invited for their construction in all
districts where a request for same is made, and that the district concerned should be given the
advantage of any saving upon the departmental estimate thus secured.
Debate ensued.
Mr. R. W. Foster moved an amendment, That the words "a request for same is made" be omitted
and the word "practicable" be inserted in place thereof.
Debate continued.
Mr. Page 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.

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The time allowed for precedence of General Business having terminated, Government Business was called on.

6. SUPPLY [BUDGET DEBATE].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

Question again proposed (*see p. 84 ante*), That the first item in the Estimates, under Division I.—The Parliament—namely—

The President £1,100

be agreed to.

Debate resumed.

Ordered, on the motion of Sir John Forrest, after debate—That the further consideration of the General Estimates be postponed until after the consideration of the Estimates for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Fowler reported accordingly.

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

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-five minutes past 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. Abbott, Mr. Bamford, Sir Robert Best, Mr. Carr, Mr. Catts, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Hannan, Mr. Howe, Mr. Hughes, and Mr. Stumm.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.