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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 32.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH JUNE, 1914

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Department of External Affairs—
Northern Territory Railways and Ports—Reports of the Royal Commission on.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
3. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. McGrath rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The administration of the Electoral Act in connexion with the preparation of the Rolls."
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—
Mr. McGrath moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 119, and the Orders of the Day were called on.
4. SUPPLY [SUPPLY BILL].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Consideration resumed of the following motion of Sir John Forrest:—That a sum not exceeding Three million and sixty thousand and twenty-six pounds be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year ending 30th June, 1915.

Debate continued.

Resolution agreed to.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Fowler reported accordingly.

Resolved— That the House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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5. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.**—Mr. Glynn moved, pursuant to contingent notice by Mr. Joseph Cook, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.
Question—put and passed.
6. **SUPPLY RESOLUTION.**—The Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read and, on the motion of Mr. Glynn, was adopted by the House.
7. **WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION.**—The Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Ways and Means—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Glynn, after debate—That towards making good the supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year ending 30th June, 1915, a sum not exceeding Three million and sixty thousand and twenty-six pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

Resolution 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.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read and, on the motion of Sir John Forrest, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir John Forrest and Sir William Irvine do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

8. **SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1914-15.**—Sir John Forrest then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and fifteen,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Catts, 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 to-morrow.

9. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Department of the Treasury—

Audit Act—Transfers of Amounts approved by the Governor-General in Council—Financial year 1913-14—Dated 17th June, 1914.

Postmaster-General's Department—

Public Service Act—

Appointments of—

R. Lawson and R. N. Partington, as Assistant Engineers, Class C, Chief Electrical Engineer's Branch, Central Staff.

C. E. Tapp, as Officer-in-Charge, Class E, Professional Division, Wireless Telegraph Station, Thursday Island.

Officers in Charge, Class E, Professional Division, at Wireless Telegraph Stations, viz. :—

A. M. Howlett, Esperance.

H. F. Coffey, Mount Gambier.

W. G. Clarke, Townsville.

S. Trim, Wyndham.

H. W. King, Broome.

J. J. Howe, Cooktown.

J. M. Martin, Darwin.

Department of Home Affairs—

Lands Acquisition Act—

Land acquired under, at—

Nuriootpa, South Australia—For Defence purposes.

Sydney, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.

Electoral Act and Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act—Regulation Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1914, No. 74.

Defence Department—

Defence Act—Military Forces—Financial and Allowance Regulation Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1914, No. 62.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at two 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. Carr, Mr. Dankel, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Orchard, Mr. Page, Mr. Patten, Mr. Pigott, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Sinclair, Mr. Stumm, and Mr. Webster.

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