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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 25.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD JULY, 1901.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. CLERK OF THE HOUSE.—RESIGNATION OF GEORGE HENRY JENKINS, C.M.G.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received the following letter from the Clerk of the House:—

The Parliament of the Commonwealth.

Parliament House, Melbourne,
2nd July, 1901.

SIR,

I do myself the honour to inform you that, for reasons of a personal nature, I desire to resume my office of Clerk of the Parliaments of Victoria at the earliest opportunity, and for that purpose I beg to request that I may be relieved of the duties of my office of Clerk of the House of Representatives on Saturday next, the 6th July instant.

In tendering my resignation of the high office which the Prime Minister of Australia conferred upon me, and which I regard as one of the most honorable and distinguished positions I can hope to fill in my life, I desire to say that I shall ever look back with feelings of the deepest pride and pleasure on my connexion with this honorable House.

With the greatest respect to you, Mr. Speaker, and to all honorable Members, I beg to subscribe myself

Your most faithful servant,

GEORGE H. JENKINS,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The Honorable F. W. Holder, M.P.,
Speaker of the House of Representatives, &c., &c., &c.

3. VOTE OF THANKS TO GEORGE HENRY JENKINS, C.M.G.—Mr. Barton moved, That the thanks of this House be tendered to George Henry Jenkins, Esquire, C.M.G., for his able and gratuitous services to the Commonwealth in respect of the inauguration of The Parliament.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. PUBLIC SERVICE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Chanter reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with amendments.
Ordered—That the Bill as amended be printed, and taken into consideration to-morrow.
5. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (MR. GLYNN).—Mr. O'Malley moved, pursuant to notice, That leave of absence for one fortnight be granted to the honorable Member for South Australia (Mr. Glynn) on the ground of ill health.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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6. MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members present except—The Honorable Sir Philip Fysh, K.C.M.G., and Messrs. Brown, Cameron, Chapman, Conroy, Joseph Cook, G. B. Edwards, R. Edwards, Fowler, Fuller, Glynn, W. H. Groom, Harper, Hughes, Kennedy, Knox, Macdonald-Paterson, McDonald, Paterson, Sawers, Sydney Smith, Spence, Thomas, Thomson, Watkins, Wilks, and Willis.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

GEORGE H. JENKINS,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.