

1901.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 92.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 7TH NOVEMBER, 1901.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER.—Mr. Barton presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Correspondence with reference to Conference on the subject of proposed new Imperial Appeal Court.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. PACIFIC ISLAND LABOURERS 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.
Mr. Barton moved, by leave, That the Report from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill be now adopted.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the third reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
4. ASSASSINATION OF MR. MCKINLEY, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received the following letter from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

Commonwealth of Australia,
Governor-General,
Melbourne, 7th November, 1901.

Sir,

Adverting to your telegraphic message of the 18th of September last, expressing, for the Members of the House of Representatives, sympathy with the United States on the death of President McKinley, I have the honour to state that I have now been advised by the Secretary of State for the Colonies, that the American Ambassador, on behalf of the people of the United States, desires to convey to you, and to the Members of the House of Representatives, his thanks for your very sincere and heartfelt expressions of sympathy, which are most deeply appreciated by the American people.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

HOPETOUN,
Governor-General.

The Honorable
The Speaker of the House of Representatives.

7th November, 1901.

5. DEATH OF HER MAJESTY THE EMPRESS DOWAGER OF GERMANY AND PRINCESS ROYAL OF ENGLAND.—
Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received the following letter from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

Commonwealth of Australia,
Governor-General,

Melbourne, 7th November, 1901.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that I have been advised by the Secretary of State for the Colonies that the Address to the King from the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, expressive of sympathy with His Majesty on the death of his sister, The Empress Frederick, has been duly laid before His Majesty, who was graciously pleased to command that his grateful thanks should be conveyed to the Members of the House of Representatives for their kind and loyal expressions.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

HOPETOUN,
Governor-General.

The Honorable
The Speaker of the House of Representatives.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 5 inclusive, be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day, No. 6.
7. PROPERTY ACQUISITION 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.
Mr. Deakin moved, by leave, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clauses 50 and 59.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
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 reconsidered the portions of the Bill referred to it, and had agreed to the same with amendments.
Ordered—That the consideration of the Reports be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2, 3, and 4 be made Orders of the Day for to-morrow.
9. INTER-STATE COMMISSION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time, having been read—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Wilks moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
And, after debate—
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 to-morrow.
10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—The Right Honorable Sir Edward Braddon, P.C., Messrs. Cameron, Cruickshank, F. E. McLean, Sawers, and Bruce Smith.

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