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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER, 1902.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE ACTING GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Acting Governor-General were presented by Mr. Deakin, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker:—

TENNYSON,

*Acting Governor-General.**Message No. 56.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act relating to Royal Commissions*," as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Acting Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
Melbourne, 8th September, 1902.

TENNYSON,

*Acting Governor-General.**Message No. 57.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act relating to Postal and Telegraphic Rates*," as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Acting Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
Melbourne, 9th September, 1902.

3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBERS (SIR EDWARD BRADDON, MR. REID, AND MR. BRUCE SMITH).—Sir William McMillan moved, by leave, That leave of absence for one month be granted to the honorable Member for Tasmania (Sir Edward Braddon), the honorable Member for East Sydney (Mr. Reid), and the honorable Member for Parkes (Mr. Bruce Smith).
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until after the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 1 and 2.
5. FEDERAL TERRITORY—AREA AND TENURE OF.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable in the interest of human progress that the Government secure as Federal territory an area of not less than 1,000 square miles of land in a good, healthy, and fertile situation, the freehold of which shall for ever remain the property of the Commonwealth: the ground only to be let on building or other leases to utilizers, all buildings to be erected under strict Government regulations, with due regard to public health and architectural beauty—and on the amendment, That the words "not less than 1,000 square miles of land in a good, healthy, and fertile situation, the freehold of which shall for ever remain," in lines 2, 3, and 4 be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof:—"land well watered, healthily situated, and large enough to fully meet all probable requirements, and secure to the Commonwealth the benefits to accrue from the position of the capital, such area, when secured, to remain for ever;" having been read—
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question.—put and negatived.
Question—That the words proposed to be inserted in place thereof be so inserted—put and resolved in the affirmative.
And the question having been further amended by omitting the words "on building or other leases," in line 4, and the word "Government" in the second last line—

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Question—That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable in the interest of human progress that the Government secure as Federal territory an area of land well watered, healthily situated, and large enough to fully meet all probable requirements, and secure to the Commonwealth the benefits to accrue from the position of the capital, such area when secured to remain for ever the property of the Commonwealth; the ground only to be let to utilizers, all buildings to be erected under strict regulations, with due regard to public health and architectural beauty—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. CONTROL BY COMMONWEALTH OF NORTHERN TERRITORY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That, in the opinion of this House, it is advisable that the complete control and jurisdiction over the Northern Territory of South Australia be acquired by the Commonwealth, and that the Federal Government should at once enter into negotiations for that purpose with the Government of the State of South Australia—*and on the amendment*, That all the words after the word “is,” in line 1 be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof:—“desirable that the Government should, as speedily as possible, inquire into the advisability of taking over the Northern Territory of South Australia”—having been read—

Debate resumed.

And the proposed amendment having been divided—

Question—That the words “advisable that the complete control and jurisdiction over the Northern Territory of South Australia be acquired by the Commonwealth” proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And the remaining words having been omitted, and the words “upon just terms” having been inserted in place thereof—

Question—That, in the opinion of this House, it is advisable that the complete control and jurisdiction over the Northern Territory of South Australia be acquired by the Commonwealth upon just terms—put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. BONUSES FOR MANUFACTURES BILL—SELECT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Kingston moved, by leave, That the Select Committee on the Bonuses for Manufactures Bill have power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to move from place to place; that they have leave to sit at any time, and to report the minutes of evidence from time to time; the quorum of the Committee to be five when sitting at Parliament House, Melbourne, and three when sitting elsewhere.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

8. PRINTING COMMITTEE—REPORT FROM.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report from the Printing Committee, dated 27th August, 1902, having been read—

Mr. Deakin, for Sir John Quick, Chairman, moved, That the Report be now adopted.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Mahon moved, as an amendment, That No. (4) of the Recommendations of the Committee be amended by omitting the words “by some responsible Minister of the Crown,” and by the addition of the following Recommendation, viz.:—

“(8) That the Clerk of the House which orders any despatch, report, or paper to be printed may return the document to the Department by which it has been prepared, with a request that an abridgment of the same be made, and that such abridgment be printed in lieu of the original.”

Debate continued.

Mr. McDonald 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 Tuesday next.

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the consideration of the remaining Orders of the Day, Government Business and General Business be postponed until the next day of meeting.

10. DATES OF GENERAL ELECTIONS OF BOTH HOUSES.—Mr. Poynton moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the general elections of Members for the House of Representatives should take place on the same date as the general elections of the Senate.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Deakin 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 the next day of meeting.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 54.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Customs*,” and acquaints the House of Representatives that the Senate has agreed to the further amendment made by the House of Representatives in regard to Senate Request No. 38, and has agreed to the modifications made by the House of Representatives in regard to Senate Requests Nos. 36, 39, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 58, 59, and 66, and has agreed to the modification of the House of Representatives in regard to Senate Request No. 9, to which the

House of Representatives adheres, and has agreed not to request the House of Representatives to make the amendments originally requested by Requests Nos. 4, 7, 8, 14, 15, 16, 20, 25, 26, 29, 30, 67, 86, and 90, and has agreed to the modification as to the date from which the amendments now made come into effect.

The Senate has agreed to the Bill returned herewith as amended by the House of Representatives at the Requests of the Senate.

R. C. BAKER,
 President.

The Senate,
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12. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until next Tuesday week.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

13. 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 eight o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, 23rd September instant, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—The Prime Minister* (the Right Honorable Sir Edmund Barton, P.C., G.C.M.G.), the Minister of Defence* (the Right Honorable Sir John Forrest, P.C., G.C.M.G.), the Right Honorable Sir Edward Braddon, P.C., K.C.M.G.,* Messrs. Cameron, Chanter, Chapman,* Joseph Cook, Winter Cooke, Cruickshank,* Ewing, Fisher,* Glynn, A. C. Groom, Harper,* Hartnoll, Kennedy, Kirwan, Knox,* Macdonald-Paterson, Manifold, McCay, McColl, F. E. McLean, Phillips, the Right Honorable G. H. Reid, P.C.,* Messrs. Sawers, Bruce Smith,* Spence, Watkins, and Willis.

* On leave.

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