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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 65.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH AUGUST, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented by Mr. Batchelor, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

NORTHCOTE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 15.*

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

Government House,
Melbourne, 15th August, 1904.

3. RESIGNATION OF MINISTRY.—Mr. Watson informed the House that, following on the vote which was given on Friday last, he had waited on His Excellency the Governor-General, and had offered certain advice which His Excellency did not see fit to accept. He had thereupon tendered the resignation of himself and colleagues, which His Excellency had accepted contingent upon Ministers retaining office until the appointment of their successors. He understood that a new Administration was in process of formation.
4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Watson moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Joseph Cook, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Harper, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Knox, Mr. Lee, Mr. Liddell, Mr. Lonsdale, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McColl, Mr. McWilliams, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Webster, Mr. Wilks, and Mr. Willis.

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