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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 97.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER, 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 Sir George Turner, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General.

Message No. 22.

A Bill intituled “ *An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and five,*” 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, 28th October, 1904.
3. LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANIES BILL.—Mr. Groom, pursuant to an Order of the House made on 27th October last, brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act relating to Assurance on the Lives of Children by Life Assurance Companies or Societies,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time. Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time. Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 17th instant.
4. ATTACK BY RUSSIAN FLEET UPON BRITISH FISHERMEN.—Mr. Reid presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, a copy of the following telegram from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated London, 29th October, 1904 :—

“ His Majesty’s Government cordially appreciate assurances of sympathy expressed in Resolutions of Commonwealth Parliament communicated in your telegram of 28th October.”

Ordered to lie on the Table.
5. PAPERS.—Mr. Reid presented by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Australian Produce—Report by the Agent-General for Victoria to the Premier of Victoria as to the establishment in London of a Federal Dépôt for the display of Australian Produce.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. McCay presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

Defence Act 1903.—Military Forces.—Amendment of Financial and Allowance Regulations.—Part III.—Militia and Volunteer Corps.—I.—Pay, par. 83, dated 28th October, 1904. (Statutory Rules 1904, No. 68.)

2nd November, 1904.

6. SUPPLY.—COUNT OUT.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that on a report by the Tellers of a Division in the Committee, it appeared that a quorum of Members was not present. The Speaker thereupon, at twenty-seven minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned the House until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.
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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Batchelor, Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Spence, and Mr. Willis.

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