

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 109.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. Reid presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
  - Queen Victoria Memorial.—Papers relating to the proposed erection of a Memorial of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria.
  - Patents Act 1903.—Letters Patent under.—Statement showing when Patentees may expect to get Letters Patent, and the progress which has been made in that respect.
 Severally 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 VI.—Section I.—Travelling Allowances, dated 9th November, 1904.—(Statutory Rules, 1904, No. 71.)
3. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Spence rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The action of the Government in its declared intention of continuing to suspend the operation of the Electoral Act in respect of holding Revision Courts, and thereby completing and perfecting the enrolment of Commonwealth electors."
  - Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—
  - Mr. Spence moved, That the House do now adjourn.
  - Debate ensued.
  - Mr. Dugald Thomson, addressing the House, and not having, in compliance with Standing Order No. 39, concluded his speech within fifteen minutes, the honorable Member was, by leave of the House, allowed to continue his speech.
 It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 119, and the Orders of the Day were called on.
4. SUPPLY RESOLUTIONS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had agreed to certain resolutions.
  - Ordered—That the consideration of the Resolutions be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
5. PAPUA (BRITISH NEW GUINEA) BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
  - Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
  - Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—COMMONWEALTH CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 18.

The Senate has agreed to the Bill returned herewith intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Conciliation and Arbitration for the Prevention and Settlement of Industrial Disputes extending beyond the Limits of any one State,*" with the amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, with which amendments the Senate desires the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

R. C. BAKER,  
President.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 23rd November, 1904.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at two minutes past eleven 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. Chapman, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Groom, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Knox, Mr. Mahon, Mr. Mauger, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Sir George Turner.

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