

1905.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 6.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH JULY, 1905.

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 John Forrest, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

NORTHCOTE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 2.

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 six,*" 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, 8th July, 1905.

3. PETITIONS.—Petitions, praying that stringent prohibitory legislation, such as is in force in New Zealand, against the importation of opium for smoking, may be enacted, were presented from certain citizens and residents of Victoria, as under :—
 - By Mr. Hume Cook—
From George Carson and others, of Northcote and elsewhere.
 - By Mr. Crouch—
From Jno. McIntosh and others, of Werribee.
 - By Mr. Deakin—
From M. G. Hart, of Ballarat, and others.
From Charles Cameron, of Ballarat, and others.
 - By Mr. Knox—
From W. G. Ireland and others, of Malvern and elsewhere.
From F. W. Norwood and others, of Canterbury and elsewhere.
 - By Mr. McLean—
From William Gray and others, of Orbost.
 - By Sir George Turner—
From F. Chisholm and others, of Ormond and elsewhere.
From Jno. G. Davies and others.

Petitions severally received.

4. PAPERS.—Mr. Deakin presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904—
Provisional Regulations, dated 26th January, 1905—Statutory Rules 1905, No. 12.
Provisional Regulations, dated 5th April, 1905, and repeal of those dated 26th January, 1905—
Statutory Rules 1905, No. 23.

26th July, 1905.

Sir John Forrest presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
Audit Act 1901—Transfers of Amounts approved by the Governor-General in Council.—Financial
year 1904-5—

Dated 5th July, 1905.

Dated 21st July, 1905.

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

Public Service Act 1902—Regulations—

Nos. 36 and 104.—Officers to obey Summons, &c.—Statutory Rules 1905, No. 46.

No. 89A.—Furlough—Statutory Rules 1905, No. 41.

No. 155.—Allowances in Postmaster-General's Department—Statutory Rules 1905, No. 42.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—

Sugar Mills aided by Queensland Government—Return to an Order of the House, dated 16th
November, 1904.

5. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT OF POLICY.—Mr. Deakin, in order to allow him to make a Ministerial state-
ment of the policy of the Government, moved, That Statutory Rules Nos. 12 and 23, under the
Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904, laid on the Table on 26th July, be printed.

Mr. Reid 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 to-morrow.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Cameron, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kennedy, Mr.
Kingston, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. Mahon, Mr. Maloney, Mr. McColl, Mr. Dugald Thomsen, Mr.
Willis, and Mr. Wilson.

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