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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 9.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 1ST AUGUST, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITIONS.—Mr. Fowler presented a Petition from the West Australian Chamber of Manufactures, under its common seal, praying that the House will strike out of the Trade Marks Bill all the provisions relating to the union label.  
 Petitions praying that an Act may be passed making the importing, manufacturing, and smoking of opium unlawful, were presented by Mr. McDonald, from certain residents of Cloncurry, Queensland, as under—  
     From On Dick Lee and other Chinese.  
     From Fred. J. Cherry and others.  
     From James E. Elliott and others.  
     From H. R. Hamilton and others.  
     From E. G. Edwards and others.  
 Petitions severally received.
3. PAPERS.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
     Marshall Islands—Copy of telegrams reporting result of application to German Government in regard to British trading in the Marshall Islands.  
     Navigation Bill—Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Governor-General transmitting Report prepared for the Shipowners' Parliamentary Committee, and Memorandum on Colonial Merchant Shipping legislation by the Solicitor to the Board of Trade, &c. ; and proposing a Conference.  
 Severally ordered to lie on the Table.  
 Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—  
     Property for Public Purposes Acquisition Act 1901—Land acquired under, at North Fremantle, Western Australia, for Defence purposes.
4. PRIVILEGE—STANDING ORDERS *re* LAPSED BILLS.—Mr. Robinson, having drawn attention, as a question of privilege, to the effect of the Standing Orders relating to Lapsed Bills—  
 After debate—  
     *Resolved*—That it is desirable that the Standing Orders of the Senate and House of Representatives relating to Lapsed Bills be referred to a Joint Meeting of the Standing Orders Committees for consideration and report, and that a Message be sent to the Senate seeking their concurrence in this course.
5. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT OF POLICY.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That Statutory Rules Nos. 12 and 23 under the *Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act* 1904, laid on the Table on 26th July, be printed (on which motion the Ministerial statement of the Government policy was made)—  
 Debate resumed.  
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
6. PAPER.—Mr. Chapman presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
     Mails between Victoria and Tasmania—Articles of Agreement (2) relating to their conveyance.  
 Ordered to lie on the Table.

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7. **POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.**—Ordered, That the consideration of Orders of the Day No. 2 and Nos. 4 to 8 inclusive, and Notices of Motion (Government Business) Nos. 1 and 3 be made Orders of the Day for to-morrow.
8. **DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY—COMMERCE BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill was read and discharged.  
Ordered—That the Bill be withdrawn.
9. **SECRET COMMISSIONS BILL.**—Mr. Isaacs moved, pursuant to notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to Secret Commissions, Rebates, and Profits.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.  
Ordered—That Mr. Isaacs do prepare and bring in the Bill.  
Mr. Isaacs then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act relating to Secret Commissions, Rebates, and Profits,*” 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 to-morrow.
10. **EVIDENCE BILL.**—Mr. Isaacs moved, pursuant to notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to the Law of Evidence.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.  
Ordered—That Mr. Isaacs do prepare and bring in the Bill.  
Mr. Isaacs then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act relating to the Law of Evidence,*” 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 to-morrow.
11. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at a quarter to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT.**—All Members were present except—Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Brown, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. Mahon, Mr. McColl, Mr. McLean, Mr. Spence, and Mr. Dugald Thomson.

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