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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 25.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 29TH AUGUST, 1905.

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

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General. *Message No. 10.*

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.

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Melbourne, 25th August, 1905.

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General. *Message No. 11.*

A Bill intituled “ *An Act relating to the Law of Evidence,*” 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.

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Melbourne, 25th August, 1905.

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General. *Message No. 12.*

A Bill intituled “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Service and Execution of Process Act 1901 ’,*” 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.

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 3. PETITIONS.—A Petition, praying the House to provide an Opium Restriction Act, making the importing, manufacturing, and smoking of opium unlawful, was presented as under :—

By Mr. R. Edwards—

From certain persons at Townsville, Queensland.

Petition received.

Mr. Robinson presented a Petition from E. E. Smith, T. E. Bostock, and Robert Walpole, styling themselves President, Vice-President, and Secretary respectively of the Central Council of Employers of Australia, praying that the House will strike out of the Trade Marks Bill all the provisions relating to the union label.

Petition received and read.
 4. ROYAL COMMISSIONS AND SELECT COMMITTEES—COST OF.—Mr. Wilks moved, pursuant to notice, That there be prepared and laid on the Table of the House a tabulated statement of all Royal Commissions and Select Committees appointed since the establishment of the Commonwealth Parliament, and showing the cost of the same.
- Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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5. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that a quorum of Members was not present in the Committee; whereupon Mr. Speaker counted the House, and a quorum of Members having been obtained, the House again resolved itself into the Committee.
Mr. Speaker again resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress, 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.
6. PAPERS.—Mr. Ewing presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Defence Department—Memorandum by the Minister of State for Defence on the Estimates of the Defence Department for the Financial Year 1905-6.
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 Randwick, New South Wales, as an addition to the Rifle Range.
7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Bamford, Mr. Batchelor, Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Frazer, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. McColl*, Mr. Poynton, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Sir George Turner, and Mr. Watkins.

* On leave.

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