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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 70.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PROPOSED STANDING ORDER—CLOSURE.—Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to notice, That, notwithstanding any provisions in the Standing Orders to the contrary, there be forthwith adopted the following Standing Order, namely:—
- (a) After any question has been proposed, either in the House or in any Committee of the Whole, a motion may be made by any Member, rising in his place, and without notice, and whether any other Member is addressing the Chair or not, "That the question be now put," and the motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate.
- (b) When the motion, "That the question be now put," has been carried, and the question consequent thereon has been decided, any further motion may be at once made which may be requisite to bring to a decision any question already proposed from the Chair; and also if a clause be then under consideration a motion may be made, "That the question, 'That certain words of the clause defined in the motion stand part of the clause,' or 'That the clause stand part of or be added to the Bill' be now put." Such motions shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate.
- (c) An affirmative vote of not less than 24 Members shall be necessary to carry any motion under this Standing Order.

Mr. Joseph Cook moved, as an amendment, That after the first word "That" the following words be inserted—"except as regards business for this Session and".

Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit till after midnight—

FRIDAY, 17TH NOVEMBER, 1905.

Debate continued.

Mr. Wilks moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

And, after debate—

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 2.

Tellers.

Mr. Joseph Cook,

Mr. Kelly.

Noes, 27.

Mr. Bamford,	Mr. Maloney,
Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. Mauger,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Ronald,
Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Spence,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Storrer,
Mr. Crouch,	Mr. David Thomson,
Mr. Culpin,	Mr. Tudor,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Watson.
Sir John Forrest,	
Mr. Groom,	Tellers.
Mr. Higgins,	
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Hume Cook,
Sir William Lyne,	Mr. Thomas.

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Kelly moved, as an amendment upon the amendment, That the words "which has not been submitted for the consideration of the constituencies" be inserted after the word "business" in the proposed amendment.

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Debate ensued.

Mr. Lee moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

And, after debate—

Mr. Fuller, taking objection in writing to the ruling of Mr. Deputy-Speaker—That an honorable Member is not entitled to repeat an argument already used by another honorable Member in the same debate—moved, That the ruling be dissented from.

Ordered—That debate thereon be forthwith adjourned to the next sitting day.

And, after further debate on the motion moved by Mr. Lee—

And the House continuing to sit till after midnight—

SATURDAY, 18TH NOVEMBER, 1905.

Debate continued.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 10.

Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Skene,
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Sydney Smith.
Mr. Knox,	
Mr. Lee,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Liddell,	Mr. Fuller,
Mr. McWilliams,	Mr. Johnson.

Noes, 31.

Mr. Bamford,	Mr. O'Malley,
Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. Poynton,
Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. Ronald,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Spence,
Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Storrer,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. David Thomson,
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Tudor,
Mr. Groom,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Wilkinson.
Sir William Lyne,	
Mr. Mahon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Hume Cook,
Mr. Mauger,	Mr. Frazer.
Mr. McDonald,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Debate continued.

Question—That the words "which has not been submitted for the consideration of the constituencies" proposed to be inserted in the proposed amendment be so inserted—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Bamford,	Mr. O'Malley,
Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. Poynton,
Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. Ronald,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Spence,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Storrer,
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Thomas,
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. David Thomson,
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Tudor,
Mr. Groom,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Wilkinson.
Sir William Lyne,	
Mr. Mahon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Hume Cook,
Mr. Mauger,	Mr. Kelly.
Mr. McDonald,	

Noes, 10.

Mr. Conroy,	Mr. Sydney Smith.
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Wilks.
Mr. Knox,	
Mr. Lee,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McCay,	Mr. Fuller,
Mr. Skene,	Mr. Wilson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And a question that the proposed amendment be further amended by omitting therefrom the words "for this Session and" having been put and negatived—

Mr. Conroy moved, That the words proposed to be inserted by the proposed amendment as amended be further amended by adding thereto the words "as regards business for this Parliament."

Debate ensued.

Mr. Lee moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

And, after debate—

3. **SUSPENSION OF SITTING, OVER SUNDAY.**—At twelve o'clock, midnight, Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had gathered from the speeches and in other ways that the general wish of the House was that the sitting should not be continued during Sunday. He stated that many precedents showed that the Speaker has power to suspend a sitting for such a time as would secure certain ends the House generally had in view. He recognised that in suspending the sitting beyond midnight on Sunday he was going beyond any period for which there was precedent. In deference, however, to what he understood to be the general desire of the House he would now suspend the sitting till half-past ten o'clock a.m. on Monday.

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MONDAY, 20TH NOVEMBER, 1905.

4. RESUMPTION OF SITTING.—At half-past ten o'clock a.m. the sitting was resumed.
5. PROPOSED STANDING ORDER—CLOSURE.—Debate (interrupted by suspension of sitting of the House) resumed on the motion by Mr. Lee for the adjournment of the debate.  
 Motion for the adjournment of debate, by leave, withdrawn.  
 Debate continued.  
 Question—That the words “as regards business for this Parliament” be added to the proposed amendment—put and negatived.  
 Question—That the words “except as regards business which has not been submitted for the consideration of the constituencies for this Session and” be inserted after the first word “That” in the motion of Mr. Deakin—put and negatived.  
 Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANIES BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 20.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Message of His Excellency the Governor-General recommending amendments in the Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act relating to Assurance on the Lives of Children by Life Assurance Companies or Societies*,” together with a copy of the said Bill as presented by the Speaker to the Governor-General for assent, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the amendments recommended by the Governor-General, as amended by the House of Representatives.

R. C. BAKER,  
 President.

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7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—COMMERCE BILL (No. 2).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

Message No. 21.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Senate has agreed to the Bill returned herewith intituled “*A Bill for an Act relating to Commerce with other Countries*,” with the amendments indicated in the annexed Schedule, in which amendments the Senate desires the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

R. C. BAKER,  
 President.

The Senate,  
 Melbourne, 16th November, 1905.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

8. 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. 18.

A Bill intituled “*An Act to provide for the acceptance of British New Guinea as a Territory under the authority of the Commonwealth, and for the Government thereof*,” 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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NORTHCOTE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 19.

A Bill intituled “*An Act relating to Secret Commissions, Rebates, and Profits*,” 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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9. PAPERS.—Mr. Deakin presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

Post and Telegraph Act 1901—Regulations—

Telephone—Fire Brigade Lines—Statutory Rules 1905, No. 59.

Registration—Compensation for loss of Registered Articles—Statutory Rules 1905, No. 60.

Transmission of Packets within the Commonwealth, and Newspapers—Statutory Rules 1905, No. 62.

Town and Suburban Letters—Statutory Rules 1905, No. 63.

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at five minutes past twelve o'clock noon (Monday), adjourned 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—Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston\*, Sir John Quick, Mr. Bruce Smith, Sir George Turner, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Willis.

\* On leave.

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