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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 80.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. CONTRACT IMMIGRANTS BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—  
Debate resumed.  
Mr. McWilliams moved, That the debate be now adjourned.  
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.  
The House divided—

Ayes, 11.

Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,
Mr. Knox,	Mr. Wilks.
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Lonsdale,	
Mr. McCay,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McColl,	Mr. Johnson,
Mr. McWilliams,	Mr. Kelly.

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

And so it passed in the negative.

Debate continued.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after midnight—

FRIDAY, 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 1905.

Mr. Speaker on two occasions resumed the Chair, attention having been called in Committee to the absence of a quorum, and a quorum of Members having been obtained on each occasion, the House again resolved itself into the Committee.

Mr. Speaker again resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same with amendments.

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Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the Bill to pass through all its remaining stages without delay.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Deakin moved, That the Report from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill be now adopted.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Deakin moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—AGREEMENT WITH EASTERN EXTENSION COMPANY.—MR. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 25.

The Senate, on the 6th December, 1905, agreed to the following resolution, viz. :—

“ That the Senate ratifies an agreement entered into between the Government of the Commonwealth and the Eastern Extension Company, copy of which was laid on the Table of the Senate, 19th August, 1903, but only upon the following condition, namely, that instead of article 25 of the agreement, the following shall be article 25 thereof, that is to say :—

‘ (25) This agreement shall be in substitution for the two agreements and the provisional arrangement mentioned in the fourth recital of this agreement. This agreement shall expire on the 31st day of December, 1915.’

provided further that the company shall within three months from the 1st January, 1906, execute the agreement as so amended.”

R. C. BAKER,  
President.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 7th December, 1905.

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

4. PAPERS.—Mr. Ewing presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Defence of Australia—

Reports by Captain Creswell, Naval Director—(a) in reply to questions asked by Minister of Defence as to the formation of an Australian Navy; (b) upon Australian Defence; (c) *re* Submersibles or Submarines.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Sir John Forrest presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

Audit Act 1901—Transfer of amount approved by the Governor-General in Council—Financial Year 1904–5 (dated 7th December, 1905).

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at thirty-six minutes past four o'clock a.m. (Friday), adjourned until this day, at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Brown, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Fowler, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Phillips, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Willis.

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