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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 5.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH JULY, 1907.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Watson rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The question of an early establishment of the Federal Capital in a suitable position in New South Wales."  
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—  
Mr. Watson moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 119, and the Orders of the Day were called on.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the consideration of the Orders of the Day be postponed until after the consideration of Notices of Motion Nos. 1 to 3 inclusive.
4. STANDING ORDER No. 215—(CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES).—Sir William Lyne moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Deakin, That Standing Order No. 215 be repealed, and that the following Standing Order be adopted in lieu thereof :—  
215. (a) A Member shall be appointed by the House to be Chairman of Committees, and when so appointed he shall continue to hold office during the continuance of the existing Parliament, unless the House shall otherwise direct. The Chairman shall take the Chair of all Committees of the Whole.  
(b) In the event of more than two Members being proposed for the position of Chairman, the election shall be by open exhaustive ballot.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES—ELECTION.—Mr. Batchelor having proposed the honorable Member for Kennedy (Mr. Charles McDonald) as Chairman of Committees of this House, and Mr. Storrer having proposed the honorable Member for Laanecoorie (Mr. Charles Carty Salmon), and no other Member having been proposed—  
Question proposed—That the honorable Member for Kennedy (Mr. Charles McDonald) be appointed Chairman of Committees of this House.  
Amendment proposed—That the words "Kennedy (Mr. Charles McDonald)" be omitted, with a view to insert in place thereof the words "Laanecoorie (Mr. Charles Carty Salmon)."  
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.  
The House divided—

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Bamford,	Mr. Mahon,
Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. Maloney,
Mr. Bowden,	Mr. Mathews,
Mr. Carr,	Mr. McDougall,
Mr. Catts,	Mr. O'Malley,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Spence,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Webster.
Mr. Glynn,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hall,	Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Tudor.

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Mr. Atkinson,	Sir William Lyne,
Mr. J. Tilley Brown,	Mr. McWilliams,
Mr. Chapman,	Sir John Quick,
Mr. Coon,	Mr. Sampson,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Sinclair,
Mr. Fairbairn,	Mr. Wise,
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Wynne.
Colonel Foxton,	
Mr. Groom,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hedges,	Mr. Hume Cook,
Mr. Hans Irvine,	Mr. Storrer.
Mr. W. H. Irvine,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the honorable Member for Kennedy (Mr. Charles McDonald) be appointed Chairman of Committees of this House—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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6. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to by this House:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, beg to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Bruce Smith 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.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered, That the consideration of the remaining Orders of the Day and of Notice of Motion No. 4 be postponed until to-morrow.

8. QUARANTINE BILL.—Sir William Lyne moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to Quarantine.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Sir William Lyne then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Quarantine*," 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.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir William Lyne moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House at nineteen 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 (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Crouch, Mr. Deakin, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Mr. John Thomson, Mr. Willis, and Mr. Wilson.

C. GAVAN DUFFY

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*