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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 10.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 23RD JULY, 1907.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MEMBER SWORN.—The Honorable William Morris Hughes made and subscribed the oath required by law.
3. PETITIONS.—Petitions in reference to the proposed Conditions of Tender for Mail Service, asking that vessels under the proposed contract shall call at the principal port of each State, that Brisbane be a port of call, that provision be made for cold storage, that Queensland be not called on to pay more than her proper proportion of the mail subsidy, and praying that the House will frame such measures as will safeguard the equal rights of each State, were presented as under :—

By Colonel Foxton—

From A. M. Kirkland, styling himself President, and others, of the Softgoods Warehousemen's Association of Queensland.

From R. C. S. Forster, of the Maryborough Chamber of Commerce.

From the Commercial Travellers' Association of Queensland, under its common seal.

By Mr. Groom—

From F. C. Redwood, styling himself President, and others, of the Toowoomba Chamber of Commerce.

Petitions severally received.

4. PRINTING COMMITTEE—SECOND REPORT FROM.—Mr. Hutchison, Acting Chairman, brought up the Second Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate).

The Report was read by the Clerk, and is as follows :—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have met in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The following resolution was carried :—

“That it be a recommendation from the Joint Printing Committee to the Senate and the House of Representatives that, except in cases of extreme importance and urgency, no order be made for the printing of a document presented until the same has been referred to the Committee for consideration and report.”

The Joint Committee recommend that, in addition to the Papers already in print, the following Papers be printed :—

Return of persons employed in Cigar, Tobacco, and Cigarette Manufactories of the Commonwealth (*presented to the Senate*).

Wireless Telegraphy—Report of the Conference on.

J. HUTCHISON,  
Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,  
18th July, 1907.

Mr. Hutchison moved, by leave, That the Report be adopted.  
Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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5. PAPERS.—Mr. Ewing presented by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Defence—Military Forces—Orders for Dress and Clothing, embodying amendments made up to 30th June, 1907.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.  
Mr. Ewing presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—  
Audit Acts—Transfers of amounts approved by the Governor-General in Council—Financial year 1906-7 (dated 19th July, 1907).  
Defence Acts—Military Forces—Provisional Regulations—Nos. 516, 526 Amended—Statutory Rules 1907, No. 78.  
Mr. Mauger presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—  
Property for Public Purposes Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at Singleton, New South Wales—As a site for a Rifle Range.
6. FEDERATION—CONFERENCE (1899) OF PREMIERS *re*.—Mr. Johnson moved, pursuant to notice, That the Memorandum of the Conference of Premiers, dated Melbourne, 3rd February, 1899, bearing the signatures of the Premiers of the six federating States, and dealing with the following matters, viz. :—  
(1) Representation in the Senate ;  
(2) The "Braddon" Clause ;  
(3) The Capital of the Commonwealth ;  
(4) The Boundaries of the States ;  
(5) Inland Rivers, Money Bills, and Judicial Appeal from States ;  
(6) Alteration of Constitution ;  
(7) The Senate ;  
be printed for information and reference as a Parliamentary Paper.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
7. PAPER.—The following Paper was laid on the Table by the Clerk—  
Federation—Conference (1899) of Premiers *re*—Return to the foregoing Order.
8. POSTAL RATES BILL (1907).—Mr. Chapman moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to Postal Rates.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.  
Mr. Chapman then brought up a Bill intitled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Postal Rates,*" 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. BOUNTIES BILL (1907).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—  
Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Sampson 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.
10. 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 twenty-eight minutes past ten 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. Bamford, Mr. Carr, Mr. Deakin, Mr. Hall, Mr. Harper, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Mahon, Mr. Reid, Mr. Sinclair, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Dugald Thomson, and Mr. Willis.

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