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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 112.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH APRIL, 1908.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk:—
Public Servants over Age Limit Retired or Retained.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 18th March, 1908.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business Nos. 1 and 2, be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 3.
4. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT BILL (1907).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Deakin moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Maloney 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.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SELECT COMMITTEE RE PROCEDURE IN CASES OF PRIVILEGE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 26.

The Senate, having taken into consideration Message No. 24 of the House of Representatives, dated 2nd April, 1908, acquaints the House of Representatives that the Senate has agreed to the following resolutions:—

- (1) That the Select Committee of the Senate appointed to inquire into and report upon procedure in cases of breach of privilege be empowered, jointly with the Select Committee similarly appointed by the House of Representatives, to inquire into and report upon any recent allegations reflecting upon Parliament or any of the Members thereof, and for such purposes to exercise all such powers as have been conferred by this Senate.
- (2) That a Message be sent to the House of Representatives conveying the above Resolution.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 8th April, 1908.

A. J. GOULD,
President.

6. PAPER.—Mr. Mauger presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Postmaster-General's Department.—Papers in regard to the promotion of Ernest Arthur Blakney (Hobart, Tasmania), from the position of Clerical Assistant, Class 5, to that of Clerk, Class 4, Clerical Division. (Dated 10th May, 1907, to 11th February, 1908).
Ordered to lie on the Table.
7. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir William Lyne moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at four minutes past 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. Edwards, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Hall, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hans Irvine, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Livingston, Sir John Quick, Mr. Salmon, Mr. Spence, and Mr. John Thomson.

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