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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 140.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD JUNE, 1908.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER.—Mr. Mauger presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Eastern Extension Australasia and China Telegraph Company Limited—Statements showing the total value to that Company and the Cis-Indian Administrations of the Australasian traffic during the calendar years 1901 to 1907, both inclusive.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.
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. INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS BILL.—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.  
Question—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—

THURSDAY, 4TH JUNE, 1908.

- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same with amendments.
- Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clause 16.
- Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
- Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had reconsidered clause 16 of the Bill, and had agreed to the same with an amendment.
- Mr. Groom moved, by leave, That the Reports be now adopted, and that the Bill be passed through its remaining stage.
- Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
- Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
- Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

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5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—SURPLUS REVENUE BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 35.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to the payment to the several States of the Surplus Revenue of the Commonwealth,*" to which it has agreed without amendment.

A. J. GOULD,  
President.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 3rd June, 1908.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir William Lyne moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at eight minutes past two o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day 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—Mr. Archer, Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Deakin, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Fowler, and Mr. Page.

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