

1909.

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 6.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD JUNE, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES.—The following Warrant, nominating Temporary Chairmen of Committees, pursuant to Standing Order No. 25, was laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker :—

*The Parliament of the Commonwealth.*

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order numbered 25, I do hereby nominate—

The Honorable James Mackinnon Fowler,  
 William Elliot Johnson, Esquire,  
 The Honorable Alexander Poynton, and  
 The Honorable Charles Carty Salmon

to act as Temporary Chairmen of Committees when requested so to do by the Chairman of Committees.

Given under my hand this twenty-third day of June, One thousand nine hundred and nine.

F. W. HOLDER,  
 Speaker.

3. PAPERS.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
  - South African Union—Message to people of South Africa upon entering into union.
  - Defence—Further correspondence (25th May to 15th June, 1909) regarding a Conference between representatives of His Majesty's Government and the Governments of the self-governing Dominions, on the subject of Naval and Military Defence.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Groom presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Imperial Institute—Letter to Prime Minister from the Director, respecting the Work of the Institute, &c.

Insurance—Progress Report of Royal Commission.

Insurances, Social (formerly "Workmen's Insurance")—Report by the Hon. Sir John Cockburn, K.C.M.G., on the International Congress, held in Rome, October, 1908.

Refrigerating Industries—Report of Mr. John Cooke, as Commissioner on behalf of the Commonwealth to the International Congress, held in Paris, October, 1908.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.

Mr. Joseph Cook presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Defence—War and Peace Establishments of the Military Forces.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

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Mr. Fuller presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Federal Capital—Proposed Site at Yass-Canberra—Papers respecting selection of Territory and proposed Site for the City; together with Reports respecting Topography, Water Supply, Sewerage, Railway Communication, Power, &c.

Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.

Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta Railway—Report by H. Deane, M.I.C.E., on Survey of Route.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Joseph Cook presented, pursuant to Statute—

Defence Acts—Provisional Regulations—

Military Forces—

Regulations Amended—

Nos. 2, 4—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 53.

No. 558—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 54.

Nos. 121A, 121B—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 55.

Nos. 106A, 106B Added—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 59.

No. 304—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 62.

No. 79—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 64.

Financial and Allowance Regulations Amended—

No. 143—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 51.

No. 78—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 52.

No. 105—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 63.

Sir John Forrest presented, pursuant to Statute—

Audit Act—Transfers of Amounts approved by the Governor-General in Council—Financial year 1908-9 (dated 5th June, 1909).

Mr. Glynn presented, pursuant to Statute—

Conciliation and Arbitration Act—Rule of Court, No. 26, Form 4 Amended—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 61.

Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to Statute—

Customs Act—Regulation Cancelled—*Re* Concentrated Varnish—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 65.

Excise Act—Sugar Regulation No. 21 Amended—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 58.

Mr. Fuller presented, pursuant to Statute—

Census and Statistics Act—

Provisional Regulation—Utilization of Information for State purposes—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 60.

Official Year-Book of the Commonwealth—No. 2.—1901 to 1908.

Railways, Government—Desirability of Improved Statistics—Report by the Commonwealth Statistician.

Trade and Customs and Excise Revenue, 1907.

Official Bulletins—

Finance—No. 2.—Summary, 1901 to 1908.

Population and Vital Statistics—

No. 9.—Quarter ended 31st March, 1908.

No. 10.—Quarter ended 30th June, 1908.

No. 11.—Quarter ended 30th September, 1908.

No. 12.—Quarter ended 31st December, 1908.

Production—No. 2.—Summary, 1901 to 1907.

Trade, Shipping, Oversea Migration, and Finance—

No. 20.—August, 1908.

No. 21.—September, 1908.

No. 22.—October, 1908.

No. 23.—November, 1908.

No. 24.—December, 1908.

No. 25.—January, 1909.

No. 26.—February, 1909.

No. 27.—March, 1909.

Transport and Communication—No. 2.—Summary, 1901 to 1908.

Electoral Acts—Provisional Regulations—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 18.

Electoral Acts and Tasmanian Electoral Act—Regulations relating to Joint Electoral Rolls—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 29.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land Acquired under, at—

Adelong, New South Wales—As a Site for a Post Office.

Maryborough, Queensland—For Defence purposes.

4. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Deakin presented a Statement of the Business which Ministers proposed to submit to Parliament and in order to allow him to make a Ministerial statement of the policy of the Government, moved, That the Paper be printed.

Mr. Fisher 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.

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5. 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.

Sir William Lyne 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.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—PARLIAMENTARY WITNESSES BILL—REQUEST FOR RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION OF.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 1.

Pursuant to the Standing Orders in that behalf, the Senate requests the House of Representatives to resume the consideration of a Bill for "*An Act relating to Parliamentary Witnesses*," which was transmitted to the House of Representatives for concurrence during the session of 1907-8, and was, in accordance with the Standing Orders, proceeded with last session.

A. J. GOULD,  
President.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 23rd June, 1909.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—BILLS OF EXCHANGE BILL—REQUEST FOR RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION OF.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 2.

Pursuant to the Standing Orders in that behalf, the Senate requests the House of Representatives to resume the consideration of a Bill for "*An Act relating to Bills of Exchange*," which was transmitted to the House of Representatives for concurrence during the session of 1907-8, and was, in accordance with the Standing Orders, proceeded with last session.

A. J. GOULD,  
President.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 23rd June, 1909.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

8. NOTICE OF MOTION OF WANT OF CONFIDENCE.—Mr. Fisher, by leave, gave notice of a motion which he proposed to move to-morrow.

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-five minutes to nine o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow 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. Chapman, Colonel Foxton, Mr. Knox, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Watson.

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