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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 34.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 12TH AUGUST, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Census and Statistics Act—Official Bulletins—  
Trade, Shipping, Oversea Migration, and Finance, No. 29, May, 1909.  
Social Statistics—Statistics as to Education, Hospitals and Charities, and Law and Crime for the year 1907, No. 1.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF GENERAL BUSINESS.—Ordered, That the consideration of General Business be postponed as follows:—The Order of the Day until Thursday, 26th instant, Notice of Motion No. 1 until to-morrow, and that Notice of Motion No. 2 be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 9th September next.
4. POST AND TELEGRAPH BILL (1909).—Mr. Mauger moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Post and Telegraph Act 1901*.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT [PREMIERS' CONFERENCE].—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Groom:—That upon its rising for this week the House adjourn until Wednesday, 25th instant—  
Debate resumed.  
Question—put.  
The House divided—

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Mauger
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Coon	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Crouch	Sir John Quick
Mr. Deakin	Mr. Reid
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Sinclair
Sir Philip Fysh	Mr. Bruce Smith
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Dugald Thomson
Mr. Groom	Mr. John Thomson
Mr. Hedges	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Hans Irvine	Mr. Wynne
Mr. W. H. Irvine	
Mr. Johnson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Kelly	Mr. Hume Cook
Mr. Liddell	Mr. Wilks
Mr. Livingston	

Noes, 24.

Mr. Bamford	Mr. McDougall
Mr. Batchelor	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Carr	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Catts	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Spence
Mr. Foster	Mr. Storrer
Mr. Frazer	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Hall	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Webster
Sir William Lyne	
Mr. Mahon	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Hutchison
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Watkins

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 and 3 be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 4.

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7. NORTHERN TERRITORY ACCEPTANCE BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—  
Debate resumed.  
Mr. Palmer 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 this day, at a later hour.

8. MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ESTIMATES, 1909-10.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :—

DUDLEY,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 7.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and ten, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

9th August, 1909.

DUDLEY,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 8.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and ten, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

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Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, to be printed and referred to the Committee of Supply.

9. POST AND TELEGRAPH BILL (1909).—Mr. Mauger, pursuant to leave given this day, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Post and Telegraph Act 1901'*", 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 Thursday, 26th instant.
10. SUPPLY [BUDGET STATEMENT].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.  
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
11. PAPER.—Sir John Forrest presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
The Budget, 1909-10—Papers prepared by the Right Honorable Sir John Forrest, P.C., G.C.M.G., for the information of honorable Members on the occasion of opening the Budget of 1909-10.  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
12. NORTHERN TERRITORY ACCEPTANCE BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—  
Debate resumed.  
Mr. Mathews 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.
13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at ten minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except— Mr. Archer, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Tilley Brown, Mr. Chapman\*, Mr. Edwards, Sir Thomas Ewing, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Fisher, Colonel Foxton\*, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Knox, Mr. Page, and Mr. Watson\*.

\* On leave.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*