

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 35.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 13TH AUGUST, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. SUPPLY [BUDGET DEBATE].—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, at its next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—AUDIT BILL (1909).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 9.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to amend the 'Audit Acts 1901-1906'" to which it has agreed with the amendment indicated in the annexed Schedule, in which amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 13th August, 1909.

A. J. GOULD,
President.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration forthwith.
And the said amendment was read and is as follows :—

Clause 2, line 12, after "incurred" insert "or is intended to be incurred".

On the motion of Mr. Deakin the House, after debate, agreed to the said amendment.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—POST AND TELEGRAPH [RECORDING MACHINES] BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 8.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "An Act to amend the 'Post and Telegraph Act 1901'", and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 13th August, 1909.

A. J. GOULD,
President.

5. POST AND TELEGRAPH [RECORDING MACHINES] BILL.—Sir John Quick moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Post and Telegraph Act 1901'", 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 the next day of sitting.

13th August, 1909.

6. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—HIGH COMMISSIONER BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

DUDLEY,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 9.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the Office of High Commissioner of the Commonwealth in the United Kingdom.

4th August, 1909.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

7. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—NORTHERN TERRITORY ACCEPTANCE BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

DUDLEY,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 10.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the Acceptance of the Northern Territory as a Territory under the Authority of the Commonwealth and for the carrying out of the Agreement for the Surrender and Acceptance.

4th August, 1909.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at five minutes past three o'clock p.m., adjourned (in accordance with the order made yesterday by the House) until Wednesday, 25th instant, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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

* On leave.

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