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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH

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No. 9.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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TUESDAY, 19TH JULY, 1910.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. RAILWAY ACCIDENT AT RICHMOND.—Mr. Speaker read to the House a letter he had received from the Premier of Victoria in reply to one he had sent expressing, in regard to the Richmond railway accident, the deep sympathy of Members of the House of Representatives with the State of Victoria, and with the friends and relations who had lost those dear to them, as well as with those still suffering from injuries.  
Mr. Fisher and Sir John Forrest expressed the sympathy felt by Members and their appreciation of the action so promptly taken by Mr. Speaker in the matter.
3. PAPERS.—Mr. Batchelor presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Northern Territory Acceptance Bill—Opinion of the Attorney-General regarding the interpretation of the clause in the agreement relating to the Transcontinental Railway.  
Mr. Tudor presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Fisheries—Report by the Director on the work of the *Endeavour*, Sydney to Brisbane, 20th June to 1st July, 1910.  
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.  
Mr. Tudor presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Beer Excise Act—Regulation Amended (Provisional)—No. 15A (1)—Statutory Rules 1910, No. 65.  
Mr. O'Malley presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Electoral Act and Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act—Regulations Amended (Provisional)—Nos. 26A, 31A—Statutory Rules 1910, No. 23.
4. SURPLUS REVENUE BILL (1910).—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.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.  
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

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(*In the Committee.*)

Clause 1 agreed to.  
Clause 2 debated and agreed to.  
Clause 3 read.  
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

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The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.  
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 6 inclusive, be postponed until to-morrow.

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6. WAYS AND MEANS—EXCISE (SUGAR) BILL (1910) (No. 2) —The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In the Committee.*)

*Resolved*, after debate—That section two of the Excise Tariff 1905 be amended by omitting therefrom the following proviso:—

“Provided further that the duty of excise payable on sugar produced from cane delivered for manufacture in the years One thousand nine hundred and eleven and One thousand nine hundred and twelve shall be respectively two-thirds and one-third of the aforesaid rate.”

Resolution to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

*Resolved*—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

*Ordered*—That the Report be considered at once.

And the Resolution reported from the Committee was read and adopted by the House.

*Ordered*—That Mr. Tudor and Mr. Hughes do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Tudor then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Excise Tariff 1905,’*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

*Ordered*—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at ten minutes to 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. Brown, Mr. Carr, Mr. Catts, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Frank J. Foster, Mr. Frazer, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hedges, Mr. Knox, Mr. Salmon, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Webster.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives*