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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 14.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH JULY, 1910.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read Prayers.
2. RESIGNATION OF MEMBER (MR. KNOX).—Mr. Speaker announced to the House that he had received the following letter:—

Ranfurlie, East Malvern,
26th July, 1910.

The Honorable the Speaker
of the House of Representatives
of the Commonwealth Parliament.

MY DEAR MR. SPEAKER,—

Owing to my continued ill-health, yielding to the advice of my medical attendants, and in pursuance of the promise made by me at the last Election that if ill-health should prevent my giving full and proper attention to my Parliamentary duties I would resign my position, I hereby beg to resign my place as a Member of the House of Representatives for the electorate of Kooyong.

It is with feelings of profound regret that I take this step, but I feel that it is my duty not only to the House, but also to my constituents and to the country generally.

May I express my grateful thanks to the Members in all parts of the House for the kind consideration and courtesy they have shown to me at all times since the inception of the Commonwealth Parliament, and which I have always endeavoured to reciprocate, and my appreciation of the good feeling which has always existed among us in spite of differences of political opinion.

May the deliberations of the House be guided by Divine Wisdom and a singleness of purpose for the good of Australia, my country.

Yours very truly,
WM. KNOX.

Witness—ALEX. J. B. DUNLOP, J.P.

Whereupon Mr. Fisher, Mr. Deakin, and other honorable Members addressed the House.

3. PAPER.—Mr. O'Malley presented, pursuant to Statute—
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at Wallerawang, New South Wales—As a site for a Post Office.
4. OLD-AGE PENSIONS APPROPRIATION BILL (1910).—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 7—
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, after debate—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for Invalid and Old-age Pensions.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.

And the said Resolution was adopted by the House.

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

Mr. Fisher then brought up the Bill accordingly, 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.

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5. TRUST FUND ADVANCES BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the third reading—
Mr. Fisher moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a third time.
6. NAVAL LOAN REPEAL 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.
Sir John Quick moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
7. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (1910).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Hughes moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Greene moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.
The House divided—

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Cook	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Deakin	Mr. Palmer
Mr. G. B. Edwards	Sir John Quick
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Bruce Smith
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Wynne
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Hans Irvine	
Mr. W. H. Irvine	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. W. Elliot Johnson	Mr. Greene
Mr. Kelly	Mr. Thomson

Noes, 33.

Mr. Archibald	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Bamford	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Batchelor	Mr. Ozanne
Mr. Beard	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Cann	Mr. Riley
Mr. Carr	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Spence
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Higgs	Mr. West
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Wise
Mr. Jensen	
Mr. W. J. Johnson	
Mr. W. Maloney	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Frank J. Foster
Mr. McDougall	Mr. Scullin

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

Mr. Spence moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Friday next.

8. EXCISE (SUGAR) BILL (1910) (No. 2).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Tudor moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. G. B. Edwards moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
9. IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION BILL (1910).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Batchelor moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
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.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 7 agreed to.

Clause 8 read.

On the motion of Mr. Batchelor, the following amendment was, after debate, made in the clause:—

Line 9, omit "suspects" and insert in place thereof "has reason to suspect."

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Batchelor, the House adopted the Report, by leave, and the third reading was made an Order of the Day for this day.

Mr. Batchelor moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

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

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10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-six 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. Catts, Mr. Chapman, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Frazer, Mr. Hall, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hedges, Mr. Howe, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Page, Mr. Salmon, and Mr. Sampson.

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