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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 26.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH AUGUST, 1910.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER.—Mr. Fisher presented, pursuant to Statute—
Public Service Act—Department of the Treasury—Auditor-General's Office—Recommendations, &c., in cases of promotions of G. H. Gatehouse as Chief Clerk, 1st Class ; J. L. Cantwell, as Examiner, 2nd Class ; J. J. Maher, as Examiner, 3rd Class ; and C. L. Westbrook, as Examiner, 4th Class.
3. PETITIONS.—Petitions from Telephone Subscribers praying that the House will see fit to suspend the operation of Telephone Regulation 7A, which places all telephones, except proprietary lines, on the Toll system from 1st September next, until the whole matter of the condition of the telephone service has been further considered, and particularly until the recommendations of the Postal Commission on the subject have been placed before Parliament, were presented as under—
By Mr. Sampson—From—
Kerang.
Mildura, &c.
Warracknabeal.
By Mr. Sampson (for Mr. Salmon)—From—
Castlemaine.
Maryborough.
Petitions severally received.
4. PRESS CABLE NEWS—SUBSIDY FOR.—Mr. Batchelor moved, pursuant to notice—
(1) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable, in order to improve and increase the supply of European and other oversea cable news to the Australian press, that Government assistance should be given in the form of a subsidy.
(2) That the subsidy should amount to £6,000, payable :
£2,500 for 1st year.
£2,000 for 2nd year.
£1,500 for 3rd year.
(3) That any association applying for such subsidy must be prepared to supply at least 6,000 cabled words per week, to be sent *via* Pacific, and to permit any newspaper proprietary in the Commonwealth to become a subscriber for its cable service at rates which shall not exceed a scale approved by the Government.
(4) That the Government should, in granting such subsidy, impose such conditions as may be necessary to secure that the public shall obtain the fullest possible benefit from the subsidised service.

Debate ensued.

Mr. W. Elliot Johnson addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

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5. PAPER.—The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—

Papua—Appointments made in Public Service—Return to an Order of the House, dated 11th August, 1910.

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

And then the House, at twenty-nine minutes past six 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. Chapman, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Hall, and Mr. Salmon.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.