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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 17.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FRIDAY, 5TH SEPTEMBER, 1913.

- The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2. Temporary Chairmen of Committees.—The following Warrant, nominating Temporary Chairmen of Committees, pursuant to Standing Order No. 25, was laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:—

The Parliament of the Commonwealth.

House of Representatives.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order numbered 25, I do hereby nominate—

Llewelyn Atkinson, Esquire, Matthew Charlton, Esquire, William Maloney, Esquire, and John Thomson, Esquire,

to act as Temporary Chairmen of Committees when requested so to do by the Chairman of Committees.

Given under my hand this fourth day of September, One thousand nine hundred and thirteen.

W. ELLIOT JOHNSON, Speaker.

3. Message from the Governor-General.—Audit Bill (1913).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

DENMAN,

Governor-General.

Message No. 5.

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 money be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the Audit Act 1901–1912.

Government House,

Melbourne, 5th September, 1913.

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

- 4. Postponement of Business.—Ordered—That the consideration of Notices of Motion, Government Business, be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 2.
- 5. AUDIT BILL (1913).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Hughes 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 Tuesday next.

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6. Bureau of Agriculture Bill.—The Order of the Day having been-read for the second reading—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Roberts 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 Tuesday next.

7. Papers.—Mr. W. H. Irvine presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General-

Colonial Sugar Refining Company—Judgment of the Supreme Court of New Zealand in the appeal case of the Merchants' Association of New Zealand and others, appellants, v. His Majesty the King, respondent—being an appeal against a judgment given under the Commercial Trusts Act 1910.

Mr. Kelly presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General-

Mr. H. Chinn (late Engineer, Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta Railway)—Papers connected with case of. Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

- 8. Precedence to a Notice of Motion.—Ordered—That the consideration of Notice of Motion, General Business, No. 4, have precedence of other business on Tuesday next.
- ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Kelly moved, That the House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-seven minutes past three o'clock p.m. adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except.—Mr. Burchell, Mr. Carr, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Finlayson, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Groom, Colonel Ryrie, and Mr. Sinclair.

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