

1904.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 2.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 3RD MARCH, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER OATH TO MEMBERS.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received from His Excellency the Governor-General the following Commission:—

By His Excellency The Right Honorable HENRY STAFFORD, BARON NORTHCOTE, Knight Grand Commander of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire; Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath; Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth of Australia.

To The Honorable Sir FREDERICK WILLIAM HOLDER, Knight Commander of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia.

Greeting :

WHEREAS by the forty-second section of the Constitution of The Commonwealth of Australia it is enacted that every Member of the House of Representatives shall, before taking his seat, make and subscribe before the Governor-General, or some person authorized by him, an Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance in the form set forth in the Schedule to the aforesaid Constitution :

Now therefore I, the Governor-General aforesaid, do by these Presents command and authorize you from time to time in the Parliament House of the Commonwealth in the City of Melbourne to administer the said Oath to such Members of the House of Representatives as have not already taken and subscribed the same since their election to the said House of Representatives.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Commonwealth of Australia, at Melbourne, this third day of March, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and four.

(L.S.) NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General.

By His Excellency's Command,

ALFRED DEAKIN.

3. MEMBER SWORN.—Edmund Lonsdale, Esq., made and subscribed the oath required by law.
4. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented—
 - Finance, 1902-3—The Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Expenditure during the year ended 30th June, 1903, accompanied by the Report of the Auditor-General.
 - Sir Philip Fysh presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
 - Public Service Act 1902—Papers relating to the Promotion of P. Howe, Postmaster-General's Department.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, that the consideration of Orders of the Day, Nos. 1 and 2, be postponed until after the consideration of Notices of Motion, Nos. 1 and 2.

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6. DAYS OF BUSINESS.—Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to notice, That, until otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for the despatch of business at half-past Two o'clock on each Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoon, and at half-past Ten o'clock on each Friday morning.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. ORDER OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to notice, *amended*, That on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday in each week, until otherwise ordered, Government business shall take precedence of all other business; and that on each Thursday until half-past Six o'clock, until otherwise ordered, General business shall take precedence of Government business.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 47.

Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. Mauger,
Sir Langdon	Mr. McColl,
Bonython,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. McWilliams,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. O'Malley,
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Culpin,	Sir John Quick,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. G. B. Edwards,	Mr. Ronald,
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Salmon,
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Spence,
Mr. Fowler,	Mr. Storrer,
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. David Thomson,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Tudor,
Sir Philip Fysh,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Groom,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Johnson,	Mr. Webster,
Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. Kingston,	Mr. Willis.
Mr. Lee,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lonsdale,	
Sir William Lyne,	Mr. Hume Cook,
Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Crouch.

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Mr. Blackwood,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. R. Edwards,	Mr. Dugald
Mr. Gibb,	Thomson,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Wilson.
Mr. Knox,	
Mr. Liddell,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Poynton,	
Mr. Skene,	Mr. Conroy,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Glynn.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the consideration of Order of the Day, No. 1, be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 2.

9. ORDER OF GENERAL BUSINESS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That on Friday in each week, until otherwise ordered, General business shall be called on in the following order, viz. :—

On one Friday—

Notices of Motion.

Orders of the Day.

On the alternate Friday—

Orders of the Day.

Notices of Motion—

And the question having been amended by omitting the word "Friday" wherever it occurred therein, and by inserting the word "Thursday" in place thereof—

Question—That on Thursday in each week, until otherwise ordered, General business shall be called on in the following order, viz. :—

On one Thursday—

Notices of Motion.

Orders of the Day.

On the alternate Thursday—

Orders of the Day.

Notices of Motion—

put and resolved in the affirmative.

10. DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.—With the unanimous approval of the House the Honorable Sir Jenkin Coles, Speaker of the House of Assembly of South Australia, was provided with a seat on the floor of the House.

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11. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General, be agreed to by this House :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, beg to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—
Debate resumed.

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

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

12. PAPER.—Mr. Deakin presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
Immigration Restriction Act 1901—

Return of—

(a) Persons refused admission to the Commonwealth during the year 1903.

(b) Persons who passed the prescribed test during the year 1903.

(c) Persons admitted without being asked to pass the Education test during the year 1903.

Regulation No. 6—Cancellation of, and substitution of New Regulation—Certificate of Domicile (dated 9th December, 1903).

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at nine minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Harper, Mr. Hughes, and Mr. Bruce Smith.

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