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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 67.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 3) 1904-5.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 15.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and five,*" to which it has agreed without requests.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 24th August, 1904.

R. C. BAKER,  
President.

3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented by Sir George Turner, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

NORTHCOTE,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 17.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and five,*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,  
Melbourne, 25th August, 1904.

4. PAPER.—Mr. Reid presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Opium—Report in regard to Opium-smoking in Queensland.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.
5. PAPER.—Mr. Reid presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Metric System of Weights and Measures—Copy of Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies with regard to the question of the adoption of the system within the Empire.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.
6. STATEMENT AS TO MINISTERIAL POLICY.—Mr. Reid, in order to allow him to make a Ministerial statement of the policy of the Government, moved, That the Despatch from the Secretary of State with reference to the Metric System be printed.  
Mr. Watson moved, That the debate be now adjourned.  
And, after debate—  
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.

7th September, 1904.

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

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 32.		Noes, 7.	
Mr. Brown,	Mr. McLean,	Mr. Bamford,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Crouch,	
Mr. Conroy,	Sir John Quick,	Mr. Page,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Reid,	Mr. Storrer,	Mr. Spence.
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Robinson,	Mr. David Thomson.	
Mr. G. B. Edwards,	Mr. Salmon,		
Mr. R. Edwards,	Mr. Skene,		
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Sydney Smith,		
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Dugald Thomson,		
Mr. Gibb,	Sir George Turner,		
Mr. Harper,	Mr. Willis,		
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Wilson.		
Mr. Kelly,			
Mr. Knox,			
Mr. Lee,	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Mr. Liddell,			
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Johnson,		
Mr. McCay,	Mr. Wilks.		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Cameron, Mr. Ewing, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston, Mr. McColl, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Wilkinson.

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