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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 20.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 18TH AUGUST, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEES—JOINT REPORT *re* LAPSED BILLS.—Mr. Deakin, for the Chairman of the Standing Orders Committee, brought up a Report from the Standing Orders Committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives, on the question of the Standing Orders of the two Houses relating to the Resumption of Proceedings on Lapsed Bills.  
Ordered to be printed.
3. PAPERS.—Mr. Chapman presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Mail Service—Contract between the Commonwealth of Australia and the Orient Steam Navigation Company Limited for the conveyance of Australian Mails.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.  
The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—  
Mail Tenders—Orient Shipping Co. and Scott, Fell, and Co.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 10th August, 1905.
4. COMMERCE BILL (No. 2).—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.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.  
Mr. Knox desiring to move that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee—  
Ordered—That the debate on the motion be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—EVIDENCE BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—  
*Message No. 4.*  
MR. SPEAKER,  
The Senate has agreed to the Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act relating to the Law of Evidence,*” with the amendments indicated in the annexed Schedule, in which amendments the Senate desires the concurrence of the House of Representatives.  
R. C. BAKER,  
The Senate,  
Melbourne, 18th August, 1905.  
President.  
Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—  
*Message No. 5.*  
MR. SPEAKER,  
The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act relating to Wireless Telegraphy,*” and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.  
R. C. BAKER,  
The Senate,  
Melbourne, 18th August, 1905.  
President.

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7. WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY BILL.—Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled “*A Bill for an Act relating to Wireless Telegraphy*,” be now read a first time.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.  
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the remaining Orders of the Day be postponed until Tuesday next.
9. CENSUS AND STATISTICS BILL.—Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to the Census and Statistics of the Commonwealth.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.  
Mr. Groom then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act relating to the Census and Statistics of the Commonwealth*,” and moved, That it be now read a first time.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.  
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
- And then the House, at nine minutes past three o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Batchelor, Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Kingston\*, Mr. Mahon, Mr. McColl\*, Mr. McLean, Mr. Poynton, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Spence, Sir George Turner, Mr. Willis, and Mr. Wilson.

\* On leave.

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