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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 46.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH OCTOBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITIONS.—Mr. Maloney presented five Petitions, containing respectively 1,168, 3,218, 6,955, 8,535 and 9,417 signatures, from citizens and residents of Victoria, praying that stringent prohibitory legislation, such as is in force in New Zealand, against the importation and use of opium for smoking, may be enacted.  
Petitions severally received and one read.
3. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Reid rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "A recent speech of the Minister for Trade and Customs proclaiming his hostility to a vital part of the policy of the Government of which he is a member, namely, the adoption of active measures, in conjunction with the State Governments, to induce European, and especially British, emigrants to come to Australia."  
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—  
Mr. Reid moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 119, and the Orders of the Day were called on.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day be postponed until after the consideration of Notice of Motion No. 1.
5. MAIL CONTRACT WITH ORIENT COMPANY.—Mr. Chapman moved, pursuant to notice, That this House accepts the agreement, made and entered into on the 25th day of April, 1905, between the Postmaster-General, in and for the Commonwealth, of the first part; the Orient Steam Navigation Company Limited, of the second part; and the Law Guarantee and Trust Society, of the third part, for the carriage of mails between Naples and Adelaide, and other ports.  
Mr. R. Edwards moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word "That," up to and inclusive of the word "Adelaide," in the last line be omitted, and that the following words be inserted in place thereof:—"in the opinion of this House the contract entered into with the Orient Company for Mail Service between Australia and Great Britain should be referred back to the Government for further consideration, with the object of including Brisbane as a port of call."  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Fisher 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.

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

NORTHCOTE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 14.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the service of the Year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and six for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.*," 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.

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Melbourne, 28th September, 1905.

7. PAPER.—Sir William Lyne presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament :—  
Customs Act 1901—Coasting Trade.—Amended Regulation 148 and Regulation 148A—Statutory Rules 1905, No. 61.
8. CENSUS AND STATISTICS BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole House on this Bill—Mr. Groom moved, That the Report be now adopted.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clause 16, in regard to the addition of a proposed new paragraph thereto.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.  
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had reconsidered clause 16, and had agreed to the proposed new paragraph.  
On the motion of Mr. Groom, the House adopted the Reports, and ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the third reading to be moved this day.  
Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.
9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. McColl, Mr. Phillips, Sir John Quick\*, Mr. Skene, Mr. Spence, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Sir George Turner, and Mr. Wilks.

\* On leave.

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