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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 47.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 5TH OCTOBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITIONS.—
 

Petitions, praying that the House will pass legislation to prohibit the importation of opium, except for medicinal purposes, were presented as under :—

By Mr. Batchelor—  
From J. M. Holder, styling herself State President, and other officers, of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of South Australia.

By Mr. Deakin—  
From Jessie S. Rooke, styling herself President, and Louisa Ardill, of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Australia.

Petitions from certain 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, were presented as under :—

By Mr. Hume Cook—Two Petitions, containing respectively 7,203 and 7,298 signatures.  
By Mr. Mauger—Two Petitions, containing respectively 8,072 and 8,790 signatures.

Petitions, praying that the House will speedily pass legislation to prohibit the sale and consumption of alcoholic liquors in military camps, canteens, and Army transports, were presented as under :—

By Mr. Batchelor—  
From J. M. Holder, styling herself State President, and other officers, of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of South Australia.

By Mr. Deakin—  
From Jessie S. Rooke, styling herself President, and Louisa Ardill, of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Australia.

Petitions severally received.
3. PAPERS.—Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to the directions of Acts of Parliament—
 

Property for Public Purposes Acquisition Act 1901—Land acquired under, at Mosman, New South Wales—As a site for a Post-office (in place of notice previously gazetted).  
Public Service Act 1902—Amendment of Regulation No. 64—Overtime, General Division—Statutory Rules 1905, No. 57.
4. OPIUM.—RESTRICTION ON IMPORTATION.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Johnson :—That, in the opinion of this House, the importation of opium for other than medical purposes should be prohibited—  
And Mr. Deakin, who had already spoken on the motion, having, by leave, made a statement—  
Mr. R. Edwards 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 Thursday, 19th instant.
5. DEFENCE REGULATIONS.—SELECT COMMITTEE.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Crouch :—That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the advisability of amending the Regulations issued under the Defence Acts; the Committee to consist of Mr. Batchelor, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Maloney, Mr. Mauger, Mr. Page, Mr. Wilks, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit at any time—  
Debate resumed.

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Mr. Hutchison moved, as an amendment, That the name of Mr. Wilks be omitted from the proposed Committee, and that the name of Mr. Lee be inserted in place thereof.

Debate continued.

Mr. Maloney 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 Thursday, 26th instant.

It being two hours after the meeting of the House the Motions were taken.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That Notice of Motion, General Business No. 1, be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 2nd November next.

7. IMPORTED ARTICLES USED BY THE GOVERNMENT.—Mr. Mauger moved, pursuant to notice, *amended by leave*, That a Return be laid on the Table of the House showing—

- (1) The various articles and goods directly imported by the Government for use in the various Departments.
- (2) The imported articles or goods purchased by the Government in the Commonwealth.
- (3) The imported articles or goods supplied for use in the Departments by contractors to the Government.
- (4) The country in which they were manufactured.

The Return to cover the business of the last financial year.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business No. 3, be postponed until Thursday, 26th instant.

9. NAVAL DEFENCE—THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE COMMONWEALTH.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Kelly :—That whereas the command of the seas in time of war is essential to the security of the Empire's vast interests on, and beyond, the seas ; and whereas this command cannot be assured by separate squadrons acting independently on behalf of each section of the Empire ; and whereas the United Kingdom, which has hitherto borne practically unassisted the burden of Imperial naval defence, will sooner or later be unable to continue to make sufficient provision against the rapidly increasing naval armaments of foreign powers ; this House is of opinion—

- (1) That all naval expenditure by the Commonwealth of Australia should be towards an Imperial Navy, on the efficiency and adequacy of which in time of war will depend her security from serious danger ; and
- (2) That the Commonwealth of Australia's contribution to the Imperial Navy should be doubled—

Mr. Carpenter moved, as an amendment, That after the first word " That " the following words be inserted, viz. :—

" in the opinion of this House it is desirable to encourage and promote a national and self-reliant spirit among the Australian people ; to create and maintain a deeper interest in the development of our sea power and in the naval defence of the Commonwealth.

" That, while regarding the existing naval agreement with Great Britain as a recognition of present obligations to the Empire, it is essential that provision be made in the near future for an Australian Navy for defence purposes.

" That an advisory report be obtained from the Naval Director showing the number and class of war vessels necessary under existing circumstances, and the approximate cost of providing and maintaining the same."

Debate continued.

Mr. Hume Cook 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 Thursday, 26th instant.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the remaining Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed as follows, viz. :—Orders of the Day Nos. 5 and 6 until Thursday, 19th instant ; and Order of the Day No. 7 until Thursday next.

11. MAIL CONTRACT WITH ORIENT COMPANY.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Chapman :—

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—

*And upon the following amendment proposed thereto :—*

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 resumed.

Mr. Frazer 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 Wednesday next.

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12. SECRET COMMISSIONS BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—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 made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.  
Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
13. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next, at half-past two o'clock p.m., or such time thereafter as Mr. Speaker may take the Chair.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
14. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at five minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until Tuesday next.

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

\* On leave.

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