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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 46.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 26TH SEPTEMBER, 1907.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MURWILLUMBAH DISASTROUS FIRE.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter in reply to a telegram of sympathy which he had forwarded to Murwillumbah on behalf of the House. The letter was read by the Clerk, and is as follows :—

The Hon. Sir F. W. Holder,
Speaker, House of Representatives.

Council Chambers, Murwillumbah,
21st September, 1907.

I am directed by the Mayor, on behalf of the citizens of Murwillumbah, to convey their appreciation of the kind expressions of sympathy contained in your telegram of Monday last. The many expressions of sympathy and offers of help received from all parts of the Commonwealth will do much to cheer the people here to meet and surmount the many difficulties occasioned by the disastrous fire.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
J. TOPPING, Town Clerk.

3. PRINTING COMMITTEE—SEVENTH REPORT FROM.—Mr. Hutchison, for the Chairman, brought up the Seventh Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate).
The Report was read by the Clerk, and is as follows :—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have met in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered all the Petitions and Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, make the following recommendations with respect to such Petitions and Papers as were not ordered by either House to be printed, viz.:—

Subject of Paper.	Recommendation of Committee.	Remarks.
Military Barracks, Hobart, Tasmania : Memorandum by Mr. David Miller	Not to be printed	
Judiciary Act and High Court Procedure Act 1903—Rule of Court—Statutory Rules 1907, No. 93	„ „	Already in type and circulated to Members
Public Service Act—Amendment of Regulations—Statutory Rules 1907, Nos. 89 and 92	„ „	„ „
Lands Acquisition Act—Notification of resumption of Land at (1) Young, N.S.W.; (2) Canbelego, N.S.W.	„ „	
Loan Expenditure by States on Works and Buildings for six years ending June, 1901; Expenditure by Commonwealth for six years ending June, 1907	To be printed	
Trade Marks Act—Amendment of Regulations—Statutory Rules 1907, No. 90	Not to be printed	Already in type and circulated to Members
Audit Acts—Transfers (dated 10th September, 1907)	„ „	
Papua—Ordinance No. 8 of 1907	„ „	

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REPORT—continued.

Subject of Paper.	Recommendation of Committee.	Remarks.
Defence Acts—Amendment of Regulations— Statutory Rules 1907, Nos. 95 and 96	Not to be printed	Already in type and circulated to Members
Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations— Statutory Rules 1907, No. 94	" "	" "
Petitions <i>re</i> Proposed Tariff—		
From certain electors of Hume and elsewhere ...	" "	
From 2,500 women citizens of Sydney ...	" "	
From women of Holroyd district, Nepean Electorate	" "	
From women electors of Goulburn ...	" "	
From women electors of Kogarah ...	" "	
From certain teachers of music, Moreton Electorate	" "	
From Bogan Shire Council ...	" "	

J. HUTCHISON,
For Chairman.

Committee Room, 26th September, 1907.

Mr. Hutchison moved, by leave, That the Report be adopted.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. PETITION FROM ELECTORS OF HUME, NEW SOUTH WALES.—Mr. Hutchison moved, by leave, that the petition from electors of Hume, which was referred to the Printing Committee, be placed in their custody.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. DOMINION OF NEW ZEALAND.—Mr. Deakin moved, by leave, That Mr. Speaker be requested, with the President of the Senate, to send a message conveying the congratulations and good wishes of the Commonwealth to New Zealand, on the occasion of the celebration of its assumption of the new title of "Dominion."
And other honorable Members having spoken in support of the motion—
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
6. SUPPLY.—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—
Question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and negatived.
Resolved—That the House will, this day, at a later hour, resolve itself into the said Committee.
7. JUDICIARY BILL (1907).—The Order of the Day having been read for the third reading of this Bill—
Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.
8. COMMONWEALTH SALARIES BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—
Point of Order.—Mr. Crouch submitted that the Bill was out of order, because it had been introduced in the Senate.
Speaker's Ruling.—Mr. Speaker stated that the enacting clauses of the Bill indicated clearly that this was not a Bill either to appropriate revenue or moneys or to impose taxation within the meaning of section 53 of the Constitution, and that he therefore ruled without any hesitation that the Bill did not come within the prohibitions of section 53 and was properly before the House; that it was not improper for it to have originated where it did. The Bill in no sense levied taxation for the benefit of the Commonwealth Treasury.
Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same with an amendment.
Mr. Groom moved, by leave, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the Bill to pass through all its remaining stages without delay.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Groom moved, That the Report from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill be now adopted.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

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9. PARLIAMENTARY WITNESSES BILL (1907).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Crouch 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.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir William Lyne moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Carr, Mr. Foster, Mr. Frazer, Mr. Harper, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Knox, Mr. McDougall, Mr. Palmer, Sir John Quick, Mr. John Thomson, and Mr. Willis.

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