THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 4.

VOTES AND **PROCEEDINGS**

OF THE

REPRESENTATIVES. HOUSE OF

TUESDAY, 22ND SEPTEMBER, 1908.

- 1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2. PAPER.—Mr. Ewing presented by command of His Excellency the Governor-General— Defence - Visit to England of the Inspector-General (Major-General J. C. Hoad)-Papers relating

Ordered to lie on the Table.

to.

3. Address in Reply to His Excellency the Governor-General's Speech.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to by this House:-

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY-

' We, the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, beg to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament.—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

- 4. Supply.—Mr. Deakin, in accordance with Standing Order No. 240, moved, That the House will, tomorrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Supply to be granted to His Majesty. Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
- 5. WAYS AND MEANS .- Mr. Deakin, in accordance with Standing Order No. 240, moved, That the House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty. Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
- 6. Postponement of Order of the Day .-- Ordered, That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 2 be postponed until to-morrow.
- 7. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT BILL (1908).—Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to determine more definitely the Seat of Government of the Commonwealth in the neighbourhood of Dalgety, and the territory there within which it shall be, and to provide for the grant to and acceptance by the Commonwealth of the territory, and to provide for other matters in relation thereto.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Groom then brought up a Bill intituled "A Bill for an Act to determine more definitely the Seat of Government of the Commonwealth in the neighbourhood of Dalgety, and the territory there within which it shall be, and to provide for the grant to and acceptance by the Commonwealth of the territory, and to provide for other matters in relation thereto," 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 to-morrow.

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- 8. Order of Government Business.—Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to notice, That on Tuesday Wednesday, and Friday in each week, unless otherwise ordered, Government business shall take precedence of all other business; and that on each Thursday until half-past Six o'clock, until otherwise ordered, General business shall take precedence of Government business.

 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
- 9. Order of General Business.—Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to notice, That on Thursday in each week, until otherwise ordered, General business shall be called on in the following order, viz.:—

On one Thursday— Notices of Motion.

Orders of the Day.

On the alternate Thursday— Orders of the Day. Notices of Motion.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

10. Manufactures Encouragement Bill.—Resumption of Proceedings at Stage reached last Session.—Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to notice (Amended) given by Sir William Lyne, That the proceedings on the Bill intituled "A Bill for an Act for the Encouragement of Manufactures in the Commonwealth," which were interrupted by the Prorogation of Parliament last Session, be resumed at the stage then reached in connexion with the said Bill, and that the further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Roberts 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.

11. Temporary Chairmen of Committees.—The following Warrant, nominating Temporary Chairmen of Committees, pursuant to Standing Order No. 25, was laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:—

· The Parliament of the Commonwealth.

House of Representatives.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order numbered 25, I do hereby nominate—

The Honorable Egerton Lee Batchelor,

The Honorable James Mackinnon Fowler,

The Honorable Charles Carty Salmon, and

The Honorable William Henry Wilks

to act as Temporary Chairmen of Committees when requested so to do by the Chairman of Committees.

Given under my hand this twenty-second day of September, One thousand nine hundred and eight.

F. W. HOLDER,

Speaker.

12. Adjournment.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hans Irvine, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Reid, and Mr. Wilson.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Clerk of the House of Representatives