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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH

No. 7.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 25TH SEPTEMBER, 1908.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 Navigation Bill—Reply (dated 15th June, 1908) of Prime Minister to Despatches of Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated 29th November and 18th December, 1907; together with Memoranda by Department of Trade and Customs on suggested amendments by Board of Trade.
 Ordered to lie on the Table.
 Mr. Ewing presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Defence Acts—Military Forces—Additional Regulations (Provisional) 605-608—Statutory Rules 1908, No. 102 (together with copy of Military Order No. 288, giving particulars).
3. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT BILL (1908).—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.
 Mr. Storrer 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 Tuesday next.
4. DEPARTURE OF LORD NORTHCOTE.—Mr. Deputy-Speaker read to the House the following telegram received from Lord Northcote :—

25th September.

Speaker,
 Representatives,
 Federal Parliament House, Melbourne.

Lady Northcote and I deeply appreciate generous resolution adopted in both Houses, as representing the people of the Commonwealth. We shall never forget Australian kindness, and wish the country every prosperity; its interests will always be near to our hearts.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the remaining Orders of the Day be postponed until Tuesday next.
6. BUREAU OF AGRICULTURE BILL.—Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to the Australian Bureau of Agriculture.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Mr. Groom then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to the Australian Bureau of Agriculture*," 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.
7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at a quarter to five o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Edwards, Mr. Harper, Mr. Livingston, Mr. McDougall, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Wilson.

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