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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 29.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 5TH NOVEMBER, 1908.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PRINTING COMMITTEE: THIRD REPORT FROM.—Mr. Storrer, for the Chairman, brought up the Third 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 the undermentioned Petitions and Papers presented to Parliament, make the following recommendations with respect to such Papers as were not ordered by either House to be printed :—

Subject of Paper.	Recommendation of Committee.	Remarks.
Petitions—		
Sugar Industry—From Secretary Sugar-workers' Union, Bundaberg Branch	No recommenda- tion	
Defence Bill—Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Tasmania	"	
Federal Capital Site—		
Timbery Range Progress Association of Monaro	"	
Dalgety Progress Committee and Federal Capital Site League	"	
Papers—		
Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta Railway Survey— Progress Report by Mr. H. Deane	To be printed	
Spirits—Excise collected and capital invested, &c. —Return	"	
Inter-State Conference of Premiers, April–May, 1908—Report	"	
New Protection—Memorandum <i>re</i> proposed amend- ment of Constitution	"	
High Court Judgment—Case of Jumbunna Coal Mine and another, and the Victorian Coal Miners' Association	No recommenda- tion	
Wireless Telegraphy Installation—Specifications of Plant, &c.—Return	"	
President Roosevelt—Visit to Australia—Reply to Invitation	To be printed	
Bounties Act 1907—Return <i>re</i> Bounties paid ...	"	

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REPORT—*continued.*

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Papers— <i>continued.</i>		
Naval Forces of Great Britain—Expenditure—Return	No recommendation	
Decisions of President of Senate, Session 1907-8—Fourth Report of President to Standing Orders Committee	"	
Lands Acquisition Act—Notifications of acquisition of Land at—		
(1) Balla Balla	"	Published in <i>Gazette</i>
(2) Adelong	"	"
Public Service Act—		
Deputy Postmaster-General of Victoria—Papers <i>re</i> non-approval of Commissioner's recommendation of Mr. J. A. Springhall	"	
Mr. P. T. Rutt—Papers in connexion with promotion	"	
Regulations—Amendments, &c.—Statutory Rules 1908, No. 108	"	Already in print and circulated to Members
Defence Acts—Regulations—Amendments, &c.—Statutory Rules 1908, Nos. 109 and 110	"	" "

Committee Room,
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D. STORRER,
For Chairman.

Mr. Storrer moved, by leave, That the Report be adopted.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

3. PAPER.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Merchant Shipping Legislation—Despatch, dated 3rd September, 1908, from Secretary of State for the Colonies, together with copy of correspondence between the Secretary of State and the Governor of New Zealand.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
4. NATIONALIZATION OF INTER-STATE SHIPPING.—Mr. Hall moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that Inter-State shipping should be nationalized.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Chanter moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered, after debate—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the day for Thursday, 19th instant.
5. DEFENCE—PAYMENT FOR, BY TAXATION OF PRIVATE WEALTH.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Mahon—
- (1) That, in the opinion of this House, the practice of defraying the cost of national defence out of Customs and Excise taxation is inequitable and unjust, and ought to be discontinued.
 - (2) That, as one of the main objects of national defence is the protection of private wealth in its various forms, the possessors of such wealth should be required to contribute by direct taxation an adequate sum towards the naval and military expenditure of the Commonwealth—
- Debate resumed.
Mr. Johnson 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, 3rd December next.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 2 be postponed until Thursday, 19th instant.
7. COMMERCE (TRADE DESCRIPTIONS) BILL (1908).—Mr. Hume Cook moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Groom, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act 1905*.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Groom then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act 1905,'*" 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. 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, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.
9. MANUFACTURES ENCOURAGEMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 1—
 Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Fowler reported that a quorum of Members was not present in the Committee; whereupon Mr. Speaker counted the House, and a quorum of Members having been obtained, the House again resolved itself into the Committee.
 Mr. Speaker again resumed the Chair; Mr. Batchelor reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.
 Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.
 And thereupon the said resolution was read, and is as follows :—
Resolved—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act for the Encouragement of Manufactures in the Commonwealth.
 And the said resolution was adopted by the House.
10. MANUFACTURES ENCOURAGEMENT 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. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same with amendments.
 Ordered—That the consideration of the Report be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
11. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir William Lyne moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at three minutes past eleven 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. Bamford, Mr. Chapman*, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Sampson, Mr. Watson, Mr. Webster, Mr. Willis, and Mr. Wilson.

* On leave.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Clerk of the House of Representatives