

1908.

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 44.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 11TH DECEMBER, 1908.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITION.—Mr. Mauger presented a Petition from John Robertson, of Ascot Vale, praying that the House will take steps to demonetize gold on lines which he desires to place before any Committee that the House appoints.  
Petition received.
3. PAPER.—Mr. Hutchison presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Naval Defence—Report for 1907 by the Director of the Naval Forces.  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
4. PAPUAN LANDS PRIVATELY HELD.—Mr. Thomas Brown moved, pursuant to notice, That a Return be furnished giving the area of land privately held in Papua, and granted either in fee-simple or under lease, for each of the following periods :—
  - (1) June, 1883, to June, 1888.
  - (2) June, 1888, to June, 1899.
  - (3) June, 1899, to June, 1903.
  - (4) June, 1903, to June, 1906.
  - (5) June, 1906, to June, 1908.
  - (6) The total area of such lands held under fee-simple or in process of becoming such.
  - (7) The total area of such lands held under lease, and general terms of such leases.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

5. PAPER.—Mr. Fisher presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Audit Act—Transfers of Amounts approved by the Governor-General in Council—Financial Year 1907-8 (dated 8th December, 1908).
6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—APPROPRIATION BILL 1908-9.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 7.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and nine and to appropriate the Supplies granted for such year in this and the last preceding session of the Parliament,*" and requests the House to amend the Bill as set forth in the annexed Schedule.

A. J. GOULD,  
President.The Senate,  
Melbourne, 11th December, 1908.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be considered forthwith 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 not made the requested amendments, which are as follow :—

SCHEDULE SHOWING REQUESTS MADE BY THE SENATE FOR AMENDMENTS IN THE APPROPRIATION  
BILL 1908-9.

Page 12, SECOND SCHEDULE—Division No. 11, Subdivision No. 1—

Item, "Secretary . . . £900"

Leave out "£900," insert "£800."

Make necessary consequential amendments in the totals.

On the motion of Mr. Fisher the House adopted the Report.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Senate.

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7. PAPER.—Mr. Batchelor presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Papua—Report for year ended 30th June, 1908.  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION [STOWAWAYS] BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 8.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the Immigration Restriction Acts 1901-1905*," to which it has agreed without amendment.

A. J. GOULD,  
President.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 11th December, 1908.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—APPROPRIATION BILL 1908-9.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 9.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and nine and to appropriate the Supplies granted for such year in this and the last preceding session of the Parliament*," and acquaints the House of Representatives that the Senate does not press its requests for amendments, which the House of Representatives has not made, and has agreed to the Bill.

A. J. GOULD,  
President.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 11th December, 1908.

10. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, the 22nd instant.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at sixteen minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, the 22nd instant, at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Tilley Brown, Mr. Chapman, Sir Thomas Ewing, Mr. Harper, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Livingston, Mr. McDougall, Mr. Reid, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Wynne.

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

## MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were received after the adjournment of the House on the 11th December, 1908 :—

DUDLEY,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 6.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act to Determine the Seat of Government of the Commonwealth,*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

14th December, 1908.

DUDLEY,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 7.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Immigration Restriction Acts 1901-1905,*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

14th December, 1908.

DUDLEY,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 8.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act for the Encouragement of Manufactures in the Commonwealth,*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

14th December, 1908.

DUDLEY,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 9.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act to grant and apply a Sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and nine, and to appropriate the Supplies granted for such year in this and the last preceding Session of the Parliament,*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

14th December, 1908.