

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 28.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 3RD AUGUST, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIES PRESERVATION BILL (1909).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 6.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "An Act to amend the 'Australian Industries Preservation Acts 1906-7'", and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

A. J. GOULD,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 30th July, 1909.

3. AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIES PRESERVATION BILL (1909).—Mr. Glynn moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Australian Industries Preservation Acts 1906-7'", 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.
4. THE LATE HONORABLE SIR F. W. HOLDER, K.C.M.G.—THE SPEAKER.—Mr. Deakin announced to the House that he had received the following letter from Lady Holder:—

"Wavertree," Kent-town,
31st July.

To the Prime Minister,
House of Representatives,
The Honorable Alfred Deakin.

DEAR SIR,—

Will you convey to the Government and Parliament of the Commonwealth the thanks of myself and family for the Resolution forwarded by you, for the beautiful wreaths from the Government and Parliament, and for the State funeral arranged to do honor to my late husband.

He gave of his best to "his God, his country, and his home," and he will ever live in the affection of all who have known him, which is the best heritage one can have.

Again thanking you all,

I am, dear Sir,

Yours sincerely,

J. M. HOLDER:

5. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—COINAGE BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

DUDLEY,
Governor-General.

Message No. 5.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act relating to Currency, Coinage, and Legal Tender.

30th July, 1909.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

3rd August, 1909.

6. **ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.**—Mr. Hughes rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The failure of the Government to afford the House an opportunity of expressing its views on the question of Defence of Australia and the Empire to be discussed at the Imperial Defence Conference, or to supply it with information as to the instructions given to Colonel Foxton, representative of the Commonwealth to the Defence Conference."
- Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—
- Mr. Hughes moved, That the House do now adjourn.
- Debate ensued.
- It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 119, and the Orders of the Day were called on.
7. **BUREAU OF AGRICULTURE BILL.**—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.
- Mr. Hughes 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.
8. **BILLS OF EXCHANGE BILL.**—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Glynn moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
- Debate ensued.
- Mr. O'Malley 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.
9. **NORFOLK ISLAND BILL.**—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.
- Mr. Maloney 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. **CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (1909).**—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Glynn moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
- Mr. Hughes 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. **PAPERS.**—Mr. Joseph Cook presented, pursuant to Statute—
- Defence Acts—Naval Forces—
- Regulations Nos. 106, 109 Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 90.
- Financial and Allowance Regulations—No. 99 Added (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 91.
- Mr. Fuller presented, pursuant to Statute—
- Public Service Act—
- Temporary Employés—Return for year 1908–9.
- Regulation No. 171 Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 89.
12. **TELEGRAPH [EMERGENCY] BILL.**—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Sir John Quick moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
- Debate ensued.
- Mr. Thomas 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.
13. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
- Debate ensued.
- Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at half-past ten 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. Bowden, Mr. Chapman*, Sir Thomas Ewing, Mr. Foster, Colonel Foxton*, Mr. Knox, Mr. Mahon, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Watson*, and Mr. Wilson.

* On leave.

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