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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 32.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 10TH AUGUST, 1909.

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—  
Federal Capital—Proposed Site at Yass-Canberra—Further papers respecting the selection of Territory and proposed site for the City.  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.  
Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Customs Act—Regulation No. 101 Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 94.  
The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—  
Post Offices and Telephone Charges in Suburbs of Sydney and Melbourne [and other State Capitals]—Particulars as to—Return to an Order of the House, dated 1st October, 1908.
3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO 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. 6.  
A Bill intituled "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of One Million pounds for Invalid and Old-age Pensions,*" 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.  
4th August, 1909.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS BILL (1909).—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 amend the 'Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act 1908,'*" to which it has agreed with the amendments indicated in the annexed Schedule, in which amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.  
A. J. GOULD,  
President.  
The Senate,  
Melbourne, 6th August, 1909.  
Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration 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 made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.  
Resolved—That the House will, this day, at a later hour, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

10th and 11th August, 1909.

5. COINAGE 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.
6. INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS BILL (1909)—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.—The Order of the day having been read for the further consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendments made by the Senate in this Bill—  
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after midnight—

WEDNESDAY, 11TH AUGUST, 1909.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had agreed to the Amendments, which are as follow:—

SCHEDULE OF AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

- No. 1.—Page 2, clause 7, line 27, before "Registrar" (and inside inverted commas), insert "the".  
No. 2.—Page 3, clause 11, lines 1, 2, and 3, leave out "the omission of the words in sub-section (1.) 'Asiaties (except those born in Australia), or' and".

- No. 3.—Page 4, after clause 15, insert the following new clause:—

15A. After clause thirty-eight of the Principal Act the following Powers of Magistrates.  
clause is inserted:—

38A.—(1.) Every Magistrate may, for the purposes of any investigation or inquiry under this Act—

- (a) summon witnesses;  
(b) receive evidence on oath; and  
(c) require the production of documents.

(2.) No person who has been summoned to appear as a witness before a Magistrate shall, without lawful excuse, and after tender of reasonable expenses, fail to appear in answer to the summons.

Penalty: Twenty pounds.

(3.) No person who appears before a Magistrate as a witness shall, without lawful excuse, refuse to be sworn, or to make an affirmation, or to produce documents, or to answer questions which he is lawfully required to answer.

Penalty: Fifty pounds.

- No. 4.—Page 4, clause 16, section 39, sub-section (1.), leave out "Pensions shall be payable in instalments, which shall be payable fortnightly", insert "Pensions shall be paid in fortnightly instalments."

- No. 5.—Page 4, clause 16, section 39, sub-section (3.), leave out "In order to ascertain the amount of an instalment of a pension covering a period of less than a fortnight the amount of the instalment for a fortnight shall be multiplied by the number of days in the period and the product divided by fourteen", insert "The instalment of a pension covering a period of less than a fortnight shall be in proportion to the number of days of a fortnight."

On the motion of Sir John Forrest the House adopted the Report.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-nine minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Chapman\*, Mr. Edwards, Sir Thomas Ewing, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Fisher, Colonel Foxton\*, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Knox, Mr. Page, Mr. Watson\*, and Mr. Willis.

\* On leave.

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