

# THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 33.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH AUGUST, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITION.—Mr. Wilks presented a Petition from certain officers of the Commonwealth Public Service, resident and employed in all the States, praying that an Act may be passed to establish a fund, to be contributed to by officers, for the payment of an allowance to an officer upon his compulsory retirement from the service and to his widow and children after his death.  
Petition received and read.
3. GENERAL POST OFFICE AND PROPOSED PURCHASE OF MARKETS, SYDNEY.—Mr. Chanter moved, pursuant to notice, That copies of all papers and other documents in connexion with the proposed additions to the General Post Office, Sydney, be laid on the Table of this House; also copies of all papers relating to the proposed purchase of the Sydney Markets.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. COINAGE BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole House on this Bill—Sir John Forrest moved, That the Report be now adopted.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.  
On the motion of Sir John Forrest the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the third reading to be moved this day.  
Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.
5. HIGH COMMISSIONER 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.
6. NORTHERN TERRITORY ACCEPTANCE BILL.—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. Poynton addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.  
Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the remaining Orders of the Day be postponed until after the consideration of the Notice of Motion.
8. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT [PREMIERS' CONFERENCE].—Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Deakin, That upon its rising for this week the House adjourn until Wednesday, 25th instant.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Thomas addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.  
Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

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9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at thirty-two minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half past two o'clock p.m.

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

\* On leave.

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