

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 36.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH AUGUST, 1909.

- 1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2. TRANSMISSION OF ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—Mr. Speaker reported to the House that he had forwarded the Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech on the Opening of Parliament, agreed to by the House on the 20th ultimo, and that he had received the following reply from His Excellency :—

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN,

It is with great pleasure that I receive from you the Address adopted by the House of Representatives in reply to the Speech delivered by me on the occasion of the opening of the Fourth Session of the Third Commonwealth Parliament ; and it affords me very great pleasure to notice the expressions of continued loyalty to the Throne and Person of His Majesty the King.

DUDLEY.

- 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. 11.

A Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act 1908'", 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.

13th August, 1909.

- 4. 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. 12.

A Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Audit Acts 1901-1906", 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.

20th August, 1909.

25th August, 1909.

5. PAPERS.—Mr. Fuller presented, pursuant to Statute—

Public Service Act—Home Affairs Department—Public Service Commissioner's Office—
Promotions of—W. J. Skewes, as Secretary, 1st Class, and W. J. Clemens, as Registrar, 2nd Class.
A. E. Hutchison, Clerk, 4th Class (increase of salary).

Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to Statute—

Papua.—Ordinances of 1909—

- No. 3.—Supplementary Appropriation 1908-09, No. 7.
- No. 7.—Supplementary Appropriation 1908-09, No. 8.
- No. 14.—Jury Ordinance Amendment.
- No. 17.—Supplementary Appropriation 1908-09, No. 9.
- No. 18.—Gold Buyers'.
- No. 19.—Rice.

6. SUPPLY [BUDGET DEBATE AND WORKS ESTIMATES].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

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, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. PAPERS.—Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to Statute—

Papua.—Ordinances of 1909—

- No. 9.—Amendments Incorporation.
- No. 13.—Wild Birds.
- No. 16.—Hawkers and Pedlers Repeal.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at nineteen minutes past eleven 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. Archer, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Tilley Brown, Mr. Catts, Mr. Chapman*, Colonel Foxton*, Mr. Hans Irvine, Mr. Knox, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McDougall, Sir John Quick, Mr. Watson*, Mr. Webster, Mr. Wilks, and Mr. Willis.

* On leave.

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