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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 39.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 31ST AUGUST, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER OATH TO MEMBERS.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received from His Excellency the Governor-General the following Commission:—

By His Excellency the Right Honorable WILLIAM HUMBLE, EARL OF DUDLEY, a Member of His Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth of Australia:

The Honorable CHARLES CARTY SALMON, Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia.

Greeting:

WHEREAS by the forty-second section of the Constitution of The Commonwealth of Australia it is enacted that every Member of the House of Representatives shall, before taking his seat, make and subscribe before the Governor-General, or some person authorized by him, an Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance in the form set forth in the Schedule to the aforesaid Constitution:

Now therefore I, the Governor-General aforesaid, do by these Presents command and authorize you from time to time in the Parliament House of the Commonwealth in the City of Melbourne to administer the said Oath to such Members of the House of Representatives as have not already taken and subscribed the same since their election to the said House of Representatives.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Commonwealth of Australia, at Melbourne, this thirtieth day of August, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and nine.

(L.S.) DUDLEY,
Governor-General.

By His Excellency's Command,

ALFRED DEAKIN.

3. PAPERS.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
- Dry Farming—Report by Senator J. H. McColl of Proceedings at Third Trans-Missouri Dry Farming Congress, Cheyenne, Wyoming, February, 1909; and further investigations in America.
- Ordered to lie on the Table.
- Mr. Joseph Cook presented, pursuant to Statute—
- Defence Acts—Military Forces—Regulations Amended (Provisional)—
No. 2A Added—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 97.
Nos. 18, 141, 144, 160, 161, 163—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 98.
- Mr. Fuller presented, pursuant to Statute—
- Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at—
Baulkham Hills, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.
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- Public Service Act—Home Affairs Department—Public Service Inspector's Office, Melbourne—
Promotion of E. J. Marquard, as clerk, 3rd class (transferred from Postmaster-General's Department, Victoria).

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4. PUBLIC SERVANTS RECEIVING LESS THAN £110 PER ANNUM.—Mr. Tudor moved, pursuant to notice, That a Return be laid upon the Table showing—

- (1) The number of $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (a) \text{ Males} \\ (b) \text{ Females} \end{array} \right.$
permanently employed in the Commonwealth Public Service who are receiving less than the minimum wage of £110 per annum.
- (2) (a) The ages of these employés.
(b) The wages they receive.
- (3) How long they have been employed by the Commonwealth, and, where possible, the length of their service in the State previous to transfer.
- (4) How long they will have to wait before they get the minimum wage.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

5. COINAGE BILL—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the 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. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Johnson reported that the Committee had agreed to the amendments, which are as follow :—

SCHEDULE OF AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

No. 1.—Page 1, clause 4, sub-clause (1.), line 16, leave out "or nickel".

No. 2.—Page 1, clause 4, sub-clause (1.), line 16, leave out "dimensions, designs, and".

No. 3.—Page 1, clause 4, sub-clause (2.), line 18, after "All" insert "silver and bronze".

No. 4.—Page 2, clause 4, leave out sub-clause (3.).

No. 5.—Page 2, clause 4, sub-clause (4.), line 6, after "of" insert "silver and bronze".

No. 6.—Page 2, clause 4, at end of clause add the following new sub-clause :—

"(4A.) The Treasurer may cause to be made and issued nickel coins of the denominations, weight, and fineness specified in any proclamation under this Act."

No. 7.—Page 2, clause 8, sub-clause (1.), paragraph (a), line 45, leave out "dimension" insert "dimensions".

No. 8.—Page 2, clause 8, sub-clause (1.), after paragraph (a) insert the following new paragraph :—

"(aa) Determine the denominations, weight, and fineness of any Australian nickel coin, and the amount of remedy allowance to be allowed in the making thereof ;".

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

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Crouch 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. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at a quarter to 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. Thomas Brown, Mr. Catts, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Fairbairn, Colonel Foxton, Mr. Hall, Mr. Knox, Mr. McDougall, Mr. Reid, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Mr. Watson, and Mr. Willis.

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