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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 1.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FIRST SESSION OF THE FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

FRIDAY, 1ST JULY, 1910.

The Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia begun and held in Parliament House, in the City of Melbourne, on Friday, the first day of July, in the first year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Fifth, and in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and ten.

1. On which day, being the first day of the meeting of The Parliament for the despatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation (hereinafter set forth), Charles Gavan Duffy, C.M.G., Clerk of the House of Representatives, Walter Augustus Gale, Clerk Assistant, and Thomas Woollard, Serjeant-at-Arms, attending in the House according to their duty, the said Proclamation was read at the Table by the Clerk :—

PROCLAMATION

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.

Commonwealth of
Australia to wit.
DUDLEY,
Governor-General.

WHEREAS by the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act it is amongst other things enacted that the Governor-General may appoint such times for holding the Sessions of the Parliament as he thinks fit: Now therefore I, William Humble, Earl of Dudley, the Governor-General aforesaid, in exercise of the power conferred by the said Act, do by this my Proclamation appoint Friday, the first day of July proximo, as the day for the said Parliament to assemble and be holden for the despatch of divers urgent and important affairs. And all Senators and Members of the House of Representatives are hereby required to give their attendance accordingly, in the Building known as the Houses of Parliament, situate in Spring-street, in the City of Melbourne, at the hour of half-past Ten o'clock a.m. on the said Friday, the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and ten.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Commonwealth of Australia aforesaid, this tenth day of June, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and ten, in the first year of His Majesty's reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

(I.S.)

ANDREW FISHER.

GOD SAVE THE KING !

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2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY'S DEPUTIES BY THE USHER OF THE SENATE.—The following Message was delivered by the Usher of the Senate :—

GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES :

The Deputies of His Excellency the Governor-General for the opening of Parliament request the attendance of this honorable House in the Senate Chamber forthwith.

Accordingly the Members of the House of Representatives went to the Senate Chamber, where the Senior Deputy addressed the Members of both Houses as follows :—

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES :

His Excellency the Governor-General not thinking fit to be present in person at this time, has been pleased to cause Letters Patent to issue, under the Great Seal of the Commonwealth, constituting us his Deputies to do in his name all that is necessary to be performed in declaring this Parliament open, as will more fully appear from the Letters Patent which will now be read.

The Letters Patent were read, as follows :—

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.

To the Right Honorable Sir SAMUEL WALKER GRIFFITH, a Member of His Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia, and the Right Honorable Sir EDMUND BARTON, a Member of His Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Justice of the High Court of Australia.

Greeting :

WHEREAS by Letters Patent dated the twenty-ninth day of October, One thousand nine hundred, passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, constituting the Office of Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the said Commonwealth, Her late Majesty, Queen Victoria, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon Her by the Constitution of the Commonwealth, was pleased to authorize and empower the Governor-General of the Commonwealth, subject to any limitations expressed or directions given by Her, to appoint any person or persons, jointly or severally, to be his Deputy or Deputies within any part of the Commonwealth, and in that capacity to exercise, during his pleasure, such of his powers and functions as he might deem it necessary to assign to him or them : Provided always that the appointment of such a Deputy or Deputies should not affect the exercise by the Governor-General himself of any power or function :

AND WHEREAS by Proclamation dated the tenth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and ten, Friday, the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and ten, was appointed as the day for the Parliament of the Commonwealth to assemble and be holden for the despatch of divers urgent and important affairs ; and all Senators and Members of the House of Representatives were thereby required to give their attendance accordingly, in the Building known as the Houses of Parliament, situate in Spring-street, in the City of Melbourne, at the hour of half-past Ten o'clock on the day and date aforesaid :

Now KNOW YOU that in pursuance of the powers and authority vested in me by the Constitution and the said Letters Patent, I, WILLIAM HUMBLE, EARL OF DUDLEY, the Governor-General aforesaid, do hereby appoint you to be my Deputies for the purpose of declaring open the said Parliament at the time and place aforesaid.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Commonwealth of Australia, at Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, this twenty-seventh day of June, in the year of Our Lord One thousand nine hundred and ten, in the first year of His Majesty's reign.

DUDLEY,
Governor-General.

(L.S.)

By His Excellency's Command,
ANDREW FISHER.

His Honour the Chief Justice then said :—

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES :

We have it in command from the Governor-General to let you know that, as soon as the Members of the Senate recently elected and the Members of the House of Representatives shall have been sworn, the causes of His Excellency's calling this Parliament will be declared to you by him in person in this place ; and it being necessary that a President of the Senate and a Speaker of the House of Representatives should be first chosen, you, Gentlemen of the Senate, will proceed to choose some proper person to be your President, and you, Gentlemen of the House of Representatives, will repair to the place where you are to sit, and there proceed to the choice of some proper person to be your Speaker ; and thereafter you will respectively present the persons whom you shall so choose to His Excellency, at such time and place as he shall appoint.

Sir Samuel Griffith added that Sir Edmund Barton would attend in the House of Representatives for the purpose of administering the oaths or affirmations to honorable Members of that House.

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And thereupon the Members of the House returned to their own Chamber, and, after an interval of some minutes—

3. COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER THE OATH TO MEMBERS.—The Right Honorable Sir Edmund Barton, a Justice of the High Court of Australia, having entered the Chamber and been conducted by the Serjeant-at-Arms to the Chair, handed to the Clerk at the Table a Commission, which was read and is as follows :—

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 :

To the Right Honorable Sir EDMUND BARTON, a Member of His Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Justice of the High Court of Australia.

Greeting :

WHEREAS by the forty-second section of the Constitution of The Commonwealth of Australia it is enacted that every Senator and 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 to attend at Parliament House, Melbourne, on Friday, the first day of July, 1910, at 10.30 a.m., there and then to administer the Oath or Affirmation to Members of the House of Representatives then present.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Commonwealth of Australia, at Sydney, this twenty-seventh day of June, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and ten.

(L.S.)

DUDLEY,

Governor-General.

By His Excellency's Command,

ANDREW FISHER.

4. RETURNS TO WRITS FOR GENERAL ELECTION.—The Clerk announced that he had received from the Official Secretary to His Excellency the Governor-General the 75 Writs for the General Election of the House of Representatives held on 13th April, 1910.

By the Returns indorsed on the several Writs it appeared that for the several Electoral Divisions of the States the following gentlemen had been elected, as shown hereunder :—

Division.	State.	Name.
Adelaide ...	South Australia ...	Ernest Alfred Roberts.
Angas ...	South Australia ...	Patrick McMahan Glynn.
Balaclava ...	Victoria ...	Agar Wynne.
Ballaarat ...	Victoria ...	Alfred Deakin.
Barker ...	South Australia ...	John Livingston.
Barrier ...	New South Wales	Josiah Thomas.
Bass ...	Tasmania ...	Jens August Jensen.
Batman ...	Victoria ...	Henry Elisha Beard.
Bendigo ...	Victoria ...	Sir John Quick.
Boothby ...	South Australia ...	Egerton Lee Batchelor.
Bourke ...	Victoria ...	Frank Anstey.
Brisbane ...	Queensland ...	William Fyfe Finlayson
Calare ...	New South Wales	Thomas Brown.
Capricornia ...	Queensland ...	William Guy Higgs.
Cook ...	New South Wales	James Howard Catts.
Coolgardie ...	Western Australia	Hugh Mahon.
Corangamite ...	Victoria ...	James Henry Scullin.
Corio ...	Victoria ...	Alfred Thomas Ozanne.
Cowper ...	New South Wales	John Thomson.
Dalley ...	New South Wales	Robert Howe.
Darling ...	New South Wales	William Guthrie Spence.
Darling Downs ...	Queensland ...	Littleton Ernest Groom.
Darwin ...	Tasmania ...	King O'Malley.
Denison ...	Tasmania ...	William Henry Laird Smith.

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Division.	State.	Name.
East Sydney ...	New South Wales ...	John Edward West.
Echuca ...	Victoria ...	Albert Clayton Palmer.
Eden-Monaro ...	New South Wales ...	Austin Chapman.
Fawkner ...	Victoria ...	George Fairbairn.
Flinders ...	Victoria ...	William Hill Irvine.
Franklin ...	Tasmania ...	William James McWilliams.
Fremantle ...	Western Australia ...	William Noah Hedges.
Gippsland ...	Victoria ...	George Henry Wise.
Grampians ...	Victoria ...	Hans William Henry Irvine.
Grey ...	South Australia ...	Alexander Poynton.
Gwydir ...	New South Wales ...	William Webster.
Herbert ...	Queensland ...	Frederick William Bamford.
Hindmarsh ...	South Australia ...	William Oliver Archibald.
Hume ...	New South Wales ...	Sir William John Lyne.
Hunter ...	New South Wales ...	Matthew Charlton.
Illawarra ...	New South Wales ...	George Warburton Fuller.
Indi ...	Victoria ...	Parker John Moloney.
Kalgoorlie ...	Western Australia ...	Charles Edward Frazer.
Kennedy ...	Queensland ...	Charles McDonald.
Kooyong ...	Victoria ...	William Knox.
Laanecoorie ...	Victoria ...	Charles Carty Salmon.
Lang ...	New South Wales ...	William Elliot Johnson.
Macquarie ...	New South Wales ...	Ernest Shoobridge Carr.
Maranoa ...	Queensland ...	James Page.
Maribyrnong ...	Victoria ...	James Edward Fenton.
Melbourne ...	Victoria ...	William Robert Nuttall Maloney.
Melbourne Ports ...	Victoria ...	James Mathews.
Mernda ...	Victoria ...	Robert Harper.
Moreton ...	Queensland ...	Hugh Sinclair.
Nepean ...	New South Wales ...	George Cann.
Newcastle ...	New South Wales ...	David Watkins.
New England ...	New South Wales ...	Francis James Foster.
North Sydney ...	New South Wales ...	George Bertrand Edwards.
Oxley ...	Queensland ...	Richard Edwards.
Parkes ...	New South Wales ...	Bruce Smith.
Parramatta ...	New South Wales ...	Joseph Cook.
Perth ...	Western Australia ...	James Mackinnon Fowler.
Richmond ...	New South Wales ...	Walter Massy Greene.
Riverina ...	New South Wales ...	John Moore Chanter.
Robertson ...	New South Wales ...	William James Johnson.
South Sydney ...	New South Wales ...	Edward Riley.
Swan ...	Western Australia ...	Sir John Forrest.
Wakefield ...	South Australia ...	Richard Witty Foster.
Wannon ...	Victoria ...	John Keith McDougall.
Wentworth ...	New South Wales ...	William Henry Kelly.
Werriwa ...	New South Wales ...	David Robert Hall.
West Sydney ...	New South Wales ...	William Morris Hughes.
Wide Bay ...	Queensland ...	Andrew Fisher.
Wilmot ...	Tasmania ...	Llewellyn Atkinson.
Wimmera ...	Victoria ...	Sydney Sampson.
Yarra ...	Victoria ...	Frank Gwynne Tudor.

5. MEMBERS SWORN.—The Members whose names are above set forth made and subscribed the Oath required by law, except Mr. Carr, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Frazer, Mr. Hall, Mr. Knox, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Webster (who were not then present).

The Commissioner retired.

6. ELECTION OF SPEAKER.—Mr. Spence, addressing himself to the Clerk (who, standing up, pointed to him, and then sat down), proposed to the House for its Speaker the Honorable Charles McDonald, and moved, That he do take the Chair of the House as Speaker, which motion was seconded by Mr. Parker Moloney.

The Honorable Charles McDonald submitted himself to the House.

Then Mr. Elliot Johnson, addressing himself in like manner to the Clerk, proposed to the House for its Speaker the Honorable Charles Carty Salmon, and moved, That he do take the Chair of the House as Speaker; which motion was seconded by Mr. Sampson.

The Honorable Charles Carty Salmon submitted himself to the House.

Debate ensued.

The Question—That the Honorable Charles McDonald do take the Chair of the House as Speaker—was put by the Clerk.

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The House divided—

Ayes, 39.		Noes, 25.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Hedges
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Chapman	Mr. Hans Irvine
Mr. Bamford	Mr. McDougall	Mr. Cook	Mr. W. H. Irvine
Mr. Batchelor	Mr. O'Malley	Mr. Deakin	Mr. Kelly
Mr. Beard	Mr. Ozanne	Mr. R. Edwards	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Brown	Mr. Page	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Cann	Mr. Poynton	Sir John Forrest	Sir John Quick
Mr. Catts	Mr. Riley	Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Roberts	Mr. Fowler	Mr. Thomson
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Fuller	
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Laird Smith	Mr. Glynn	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Thomas	Mr. Greene	Mr. Elliot Johnson
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Tudor	Mr. Groom	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Frank J. Foster	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Harper	
Mr. Higgs	Mr. West		
Mr. Howe	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Hughes			
Mr. Jensen			
Mr. W. J. Johnson	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Sir William Lyne	Mr. Parker Moloney		
Mr. Mahon	Mr. Spence		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. McDonald was then taken out of his place by Mr. Spence and Mr. Parker Moloney, and conducted to the Chair, where, standing on the upper step, he returned his humble acknowledgments to the House for the great honour it had been pleased to confer upon him by choosing him to be its Speaker, and thereupon he sat down in the Chair; and then the Mace, which before lay under the Table, was laid upon the Table.

Then Mr. Fisher, Mr. Deakin, and Mr. Salmon congratulated Mr. Speaker.

7. PRESENTATION OF THE SPEAKER.—Mr. Fisher stated that he had already ascertained that it would be His Excellency's pleasure to receive the President and the Speaker in the Library of the Parliament, this day, at twenty minutes past two o'clock.

And the sitting of the House having been suspended until that hour—Mr. Speaker, after resuming the Chair, went with the Members of the House to attend His Excellency; and, having returned, Mr. Speaker reported that the House had proceeded to the Library of the Parliament, and that he had presented himself to His Excellency the Governor-General as the choice of the House of Representatives, and that His Excellency had been kind enough to congratulate him upon his election.

8. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL BY THE USHER OF THE SENATE.—The following Message was delivered by the Usher of the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

His Excellency the Governor-General desires the attendance of the House of Representatives in the Chamber of the Senate forthwith.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker with the Members of the House went to attend His Excellency:—And having returned—

9. IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION BILL (1910).—Mr. Fisher moved, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Immigration Restriction Act 1901-1908*.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Fisher then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.

10. HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—Mr. Speaker reported that the House had this day attended His Excellency the Governor-General in the Senate Chamber, when His Excellency was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of the Parliament, of which Mr. Speaker said he had, for greater accuracy, obtained a copy, which read as follows:—

GENTLEMEN:

I have called you together for the purpose of enabling My Advisers to submit for your consideration important and urgent measures.

The melancholy intelligence of the death of our great peace-loving Sovereign, King Edward VII., evoked a wide-spread expression of national grief throughout Australia and the Empire, while the entire civilized world felt the poorer for his death, and sincerely mourned his loss.

The accession of His Majesty King George V. was proclaimed on the 9th May, and the earnest prayer of the people of the Commonwealth is that His Majesty's reign may be memorable in human progress, and marked by peace among the nations of the world.

You will be asked to consider matters of first importance in connexion with finance. My Advisers view with satisfaction the result of the Referenda on the Financial Agreement and State Debts,

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The revenue from Customs and Excise and Posts and Telegraphs has exceeded the Budget estimates.

In view of the expiration on the 31st December next of the period during which the financial relations of the Commonwealth and the States were governed by the provisional financial clauses of the Constitution, a measure will be submitted providing for payments by the Commonwealth to the several States, during a term of ten years, commencing on the 1st July, 1910, on the basis of 25s. per head of their respective populations, special arrangements being made for the State of Western Australia.

The question of consolidating the debts of the States becoming more urgent as time passes, it is hoped an early opportunity will present itself to enable all necessary steps being taken to deal with this question.

In order to more effectively exercise the powers of the Commonwealth in relation to currency, a measure will be introduced providing for the issue of Commonwealth notes of various denominations which shall be legal tender, and convertible into gold at the Treasury.

Steps will be taken to reduce the age at which women are eligible for Old-age Pensions and to provide for payment of pensions to invalids early in the financial year.

A measure will be submitted to you to provide for a progressive tax upon the unimproved value of land, with an exemption of £5,000.

In view of the urgent necessity for encouraging an influx of suitable immigrants to the Commonwealth in order to more effectively develop its great resources and defend it against possible invasion, My Advisers intend to adopt a policy which it is confidently believed will, by making fertile land available, speedily induce very large numbers of people of the right kind to settle on the lands of the Commonwealth.

A Bill to repeal the *Naval Loan Act* 1909 will be introduced.

Legislation in reference to Banking is receiving the attention of My Advisers.

You will be invited to consider proposals for the amendment of the Constitution for the purpose of enabling the Federal Parliament to legislate effectively with regard to corporations, commercial trusts, combinations, and monopolies in relation to trade manufactures, or production, industrial matters, and navigation. It is the intention of My Advisers to ask Parliament to pass these measures this Session, and to provide for their submission to the electors at a Referendum early next year.

A Bill to authorize the Commonwealth to accept the Northern Territory from the State of South Australia, which was before the last Parliament, will be re-submitted for your consideration.

My Advisers have given serious consideration to the question of the effective naval and military defence of Australia. Bills will be introduced providing for this at an early date. Two of the three destroyers ordered by the Government in 1908 have been launched, and will soon be ready for sea. The construction of the third destroyer and of other vessels will, so far as our capabilities permit, be completed in Australia.

The mail service between Australia and Canada has been renewed for one year on the existing terms and conditions, and My Advisers hope, before the expiration of that period, to make arrangements for a considerably improved service.

A Bill will be submitted providing for uniform postage rates throughout the Commonwealth, and it is proposed shortly to make arrangements for the issue of a uniform Commonwealth stamp.

Arrangements have been made by the Pacific Cable Board for the lease of a telegraph line across Canada for a period of five years. The question of obtaining the permanent use of a line as well as of a cable across the Atlantic, thus securing a State-owned service between the United Kingdom and Australia, is under consideration.

A Bill will be introduced at an early date providing for the more effective regulation of matters connected with Navigation and Shipping.

It is proposed to take over lighthouses, beacons, and buoys; and to introduce Bills to amend the Quarantine Act and to deal with the Excise and Sugar Bounty Acts.

Bills to provide for the rectification of Tariff anomalies, to amend the Immigration Restriction Act, the Customs Act of 1901, and the Electoral Act will be introduced.

All arrangements necessary for the laying out and construction of the Federal Capital are being expeditiously proceeded with.

My Advisers are taking all necessary preliminary steps towards the construction of a railway from Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta.

Proposals for subsidizing an independent news service over the Pacific cable will be laid before you.

Communications have been addressed to the British and New Zealand Governments, with a view to the establishment of a system of wireless telegraphy, connecting the Pacific Islands under British protection with Australia, New Zealand, and Fiji.

The High Commissioner appointed under the measure passed last Parliament, has taken up his duties in London.

The improvement of our trade relations with Great Britain and other self-governing parts of the Empire is receiving consideration.

The Report of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the postal service is expected at an early date.

I leave you now to your important duties, and earnestly hope that, under Divine guidance your deliberations may promote the welfare of the people of the Commonwealth.

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11. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—Mr. Fisher moved, That a Committee consisting of Mr. Scullin and Mr. Finlayson be appointed to prepare an Address in Reply to the Speech delivered by His Excellency the Governor-General to both Houses of the Parliament.

Question—put and passed.

Ordered—That the Committee do report this day.

12. DAYS OF BUSINESS.—Mr. Fisher moved, by leave, That, until otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for the despatch of business at Three o'clock on each Tuesday afternoon, and at half-past Two o'clock on each Wednesday and Thursday afternoon, and at half-past Ten o'clock on each Friday morning.

Question—put and passed.

13. MESSAGE *re* DEATH OF KING EDWARD VII. AND ACCESSION OF KING GEORGE V.—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table a copy of a Message sent, on behalf of the Parliament, after the expiry of the previous House, on the occasion of the death of His Majesty King Edward the Seventh, and of the Accession of His Majesty King George the Fifth to the Throne, and a copy of the reply received thereto, as follow :—

Message transmitted through His Excellency the Governor-General.

TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY :

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN :

We, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker elected by the House of Representatives during its last Session, having met together as soon as possible after the recent death of our much loved King Edward the Seventh, desire, on behalf of the Parliament of the Commonwealth, to express to Your Majesty the universal sorrow with which the news of the great loss sustained by the Nation was received by all Australians.

The people of the Commonwealth feel that the British Empire—of which Australia is proud to be a part—has lost a Father, and that the whole of the civilized world has lost a Friend and its greatest Peacemaker.

But Australia rests assured that those lofty and peaceful ideals which were nurtured by His late Majesty King Edward the Seventh will continue to be cherished by his son and successor, Your Imperial Majesty.

By a coincidence, which we trust will prove of happy augury for Australia, Your Majesty was proclaimed King upon the same date as that on which Your Majesty, when Duke of York, nine years ago, opened, in person, the Parliament of the Commonwealth, and thus entwined another strand among those crimson threads of kinship which unite the peoples of Great Britain and her Dominions oversea.

On behalf of that Parliament we desire to convey its unbounded loyalty to the Crown and to the Person of Your Most Gracious Majesty, and to express the confident hope and earnest prayer that Your Majesty's reign may, under Divine guidance, be a long and beneficent one, and that the world in general and Your Majesty's Empire in particular may abound in prosperity and abide in peace.

A. J. GOULD, President.

C. CARTY SALMON, *p.* Speaker.

Parliament House,
Melbourne, 11th May, 1910.

Reply to Message.

Commonwealth of Australia,
Governor-General,
Melbourne, 14th May, 1910.

SIRS,

The Governor-General has been commanded by His Majesty King George V. to acknowledge the receipt, by cable, of the Message which you sent on behalf of the Parliament of the Commonwealth with reference to the death of King Edward VII. and His Majesty's Accession to the Throne.

The King is deeply touched by your recognition of his late Majesty's untiring efforts for the good of his people throughout the Empire, and by your reference to the King's own part in the inauguration of the First Parliament of the Commonwealth ; and he has desired the Governor-General to convey to you his grateful thanks.

I have the honour to be,
Your obedient servant,

WALTER CALLAN.

The President of the Senate,
The Speaker of the House of Representatives.

14. DEATH OF KING EDWARD VII.—Mr. Fisher moved, by leave, That the following resolution be agreed to :—

We, the Members of the House of Representatives in the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, take the earliest opportunity we have had since the lamented death of our late beloved Sovereign, King Edward VII., to express our deep sympathy in the great sorrow which Your Majesty sustained.

And, all Members standing, the question was put and passed.

Ordered—That the foregoing resolution be forwarded through His Excellency the Governor-General

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15. ACCESSION OF KING GEORGE V.—Mr. Fisher moved, by leave, That the following resolution be agreed to :—

We, the Members of the House of Representatives in the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, submit our respectful congratulations on Your Majesty's accession to the Throne, and desire to assure your Majesty of our loyalty, and to express our earnest hope that under the blessings of Providence Your Majesty may enjoy a long and prosperous reign, and that it may be marked by the increased progress and happiness of the peoples of the British Empire.

Mr. Deakin addressed the House, and, all Members standing, the question was put and passed.

Ordered—That the foregoing resolution be forwarded through His Excellency the Governor-General.

16. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1910-11.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

DUDLEY,

Governor-General.

Message No. 1.

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 to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and eleven.

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Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be referred to the Committee of Supply when appointed.

17. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES.—Mr. Fisher moved, by leave, That the honorable Member for Grey (the Honorable Alexander Poynton) be appointed Chairman of Committees of this House.
Question—put and passed.
18. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—SUPPLY.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the Standing Orders be suspended in order to enable the Committees of Supply and Ways and Means to be appointed before the Address in Reply to His Excellency the Governor-General's Opening Speech has been agreed to by the House, and to enable all other steps to be at once taken to obtain Supply, and to pass a Supply Bill through all its stages without delay.
Question—put and passed with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the Members of the House.
19. SUPPLY.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House will, this day, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.
Question—put and passed.
20. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—The House then resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Seven hundred and forty-four thousand three hundred and thirty-one pounds be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year ending 30th June, 1911.

Resolution to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, on Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read and adopted.

21. WAYS AND MEANS.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House will, this day, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.
Question—put and passed.
22. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION.—The House then resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved—That towards making good the supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year ending 30th June, 1911, a sum not exceeding Seven hundred and forty-four thousand three hundred and thirty-one pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

Resolution to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, on Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read and adopted.

Ordered—That Mr. Fisher and Mr. Hughes do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

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23. SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1910-11.—Mr. Fisher then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and eleven,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Fisher moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Clauses 1 to 4, inclusive, agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Fisher, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

24. ELECTION PETITION.—The Clerk laid upon the Table a copy of an Election Petition which he had received from the Deputy-Registrar of the High Court, at Melbourne, under section 202 of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1902-1905, viz.:—Petition of Richard Armstrong Crouch against the return of Alfred Thomas Ozanne as Member for the Electoral Division of Corio, in the State of Victoria.

25. PAPERS.—Mr. Fisher presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Premiers' Conference—Correspondence *re* proposed.

Insurance—Royal Commission Report—Part I.—Life Assurance.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Fisher presented, pursuant to Statute—

Audit Act—

Transfers of Amounts approved by the Administrator in Council—Financial Year 1909-10—
Dated 12th January, 1910.

Transfers of Amounts approved by the Governor-General in Council—Financial Year
1909-10—

Dated 21st December, 1909.

Dated 11th February, 1910.

Dated 14th March, 1910.

Dated 8th April, 1910.

Dated 8th April, 1910.

Dated 27th April, 1910.

Public Service Act—Secretary to the Prime Minister—Re-classification of office of, and promotion thereto of M. L. Shepherd.

Mr. Hughes presented, pursuant to Statute—

Conciliation and Arbitration Act—

Rule of Court—Form 4, Rule 26—Substituted—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 133.

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1910, No. 3.

Mr. Batchelor presented, pursuant to Statute—

Contract Immigrants Act—Return for 1909 respecting Contract Immigrants admitted or refused admission into the Commonwealth, &c.

Immigration Restriction Act—

Return showing, for 1909—

(a) Persons refused admission to the Commonwealth.

(b) Persons who passed the dictation test.

(c) Persons admitted without being asked to pass the dictation test.

(d) Departures of coloured persons from the Commonwealth.

Naturalization Act—Return of number of persons to whom Certificates of Naturalization were granted during 1909.

Papua—

Ordinances of 1909—

No. 20.—Stamp Duties.

No. 30.—Survey Fees.

No. 31.—Supplementary Appropriation 1909-10, No. 2.

No. 32.—Legal Agents' Remuneration.

No. 33.—Supplementary Appropriation 1909-10, No. 3.

Ordinances of 1910—

No. 1.—Supplementary Appropriation, 1909-10, No. 4.

Native Labour.

Land.

Gold Mining Encouragement.

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Mr. Thomas presented, pursuant to Statute—

Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations Amended, &c.—

Parcels Post; Telegraphic—Statutory Rules 1910, No. 36.

Postal—

Packets—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 137.

Packets, &c.—Statutory Rules 1910, No. 32.

Newspapers—Statutory Rules 1910, No. 48.

Postal, Telegraphic—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 123.

Postal; General Postal—Statutory Rules 1910, No. 13.

Postal; General Postal; Telephone—Statutory Rules 1910, No. 47.

Telegraphic—

Telegrams within the Commonwealth—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 115.

Telegrams beyond the Commonwealth—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 124.

Mr. Tudor presented, pursuant to Statute—

Beer Excise Act—Regulation amended, No. 15A—Statutory Rules 1910, No. 4.

Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations amended—Statutory Rules 1910, No. 17.

Customs Act—Regulations amended—

Nos. 26 and 94 (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1910, No. 55.

No. 109—Statutory Rules 1910, No. 57.

Excise Act—Regulations amended—

No. 1—Statutory Rules 1910, No. 24.

No. 134A—Statutory Rules 1910, No. 26.

Glucose—Statutory Rules 1910, No. 44.

Manufactures Encouragement Act—Iron Bounty Regulations—Statutory Rules 1910, No. 16.

Patents Act—Regulations amended—

No. 133, A, B, C (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1910, No. 43.

Nos. 38, 48, &c. (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1910, No. 58.

Quarantine Act—Regulations amended—

No. 126A (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 146.

No. 105 (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1910, No. 25.

No. 105 (a), (aa) (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1910, No. 42.

No. 100A (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1910, No. 56.

Spirits Act—Regulation amended—No. 57A—Statutory Rules 1910, No. 37.

Mr. O'Malley presented, pursuant to Statute—

Elections, 1910—Statistics relating to the Senate Election; the General Election for the House of Representatives; and the Submission to the Electors of Proposed Laws for the alteration of the Constitution, viz.:—Constitution Alteration (Finance) 1909 and Constitution Alteration (State Debts) 1909.

Electoral Act—

Provisional Regulation 6A—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 131.

Electoral Act and Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act—Provisional Regulations—Statutory Rules 1910, No. 2.

Lands Acquisition Act—

Land acquired under, at—

Ararat, Victoria—For Defence purposes.

Box Hill, Victoria—As a site for a Post-office.

Germanton, New South Wales—As a site for a Post-office.

Melbourne, Victoria—For Postal purposes.

Mudgee, New South Wales—As an addition to Rifle Range site.

Perth, Western Australia—As a site for a Telephone Exchange.

Port Adelaide, South Australia—For Defence purposes.

Singleton, New South Wales—As a site for a Drill Hall.

Wyong, New South Wales—As a site for a Post-office.

Public Service Act—

List of Permanent Officers of the Commonwealth Public Service, 1st January, 1910.

Recommendations in cases of Appointments, in the Department of Home Affairs, of—

G. H. Grant, as Land and Property Officer, Class C, Professional Division.

R. Quintino, as Draftsman, Class F, Professional Division, Public Works Branch.

Regulations Amended (Provisional)—

No. 88A—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 149.

Nos. 114, 116A—Statutory Rules 1910, No. 6.

No. 172—Statutory Rules 1910, No. 53.

No. 185—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 148.

No. 185—Statutory Rules 1910, No. 33.

No. 199—Statutory Rules 1910, No. 19.

No. 220—Statutory Rules 1910, No. 59.

Regulations Amended—

No. 57—Statutory Rules 1910, No. 7.

No. 88A—Statutory Rules 1910, No. 34.

Nos. 114 and 116A—Statutory Rules 1910, No. 51.

No. 185—Statutory Rules 1910, No. 52.

No. 199—Statutory Rules 1910, No. 54.

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26. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—Mr. Scullin brought up the Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech, prepared by the Committee appointed this day, and the same was read by the Clerk, as follows :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, beg to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament.

Mr. Scullin moved, That the Address be agreed to by the House.

Mr. Finlayson seconded the motion.

Mr. Deakin moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.

27. 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 :

To The Honorable CHARLES McDONALD, 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 first day of July, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and ten.

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

By His Excellency's Command,
ANDREW FISHER.

28. MEMBER SWORN.—Mr. G. B. Edwards made and subscribed the Oath required by law.

29. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next, at three o'clock p.m.

Question—put and passed.

30. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1910-11.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 1.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and eleven,*" to which it has agreed without requests.

HENRY TURLEY,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 1st July, 1910.

31. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at five minutes to five o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Carr, Mr. Frazer, Mr. Hall, Mr. Knox, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Webster.

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