

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 2.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH SEPTEMBER, 1911.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read Prayers.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1911-12.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

DENMAN,
Governor-General.

Message No. 2.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twelve,*" 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.

Government House,
6th September, 1911.

3. PAPERS.—Mr. Fisher presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Imperial Conference, London (1911)—Minutes of Proceedings.
Mr. Batchelor presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Northern Territory—Agreement between the Government of the Commonwealth and South Australia for the lease by the latter of the Port Augusta-Oodnadatta Railway.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
Mr. Thomas presented, pursuant to Statute—
Post and Telegraph Act—
Regulations amended, &c. (Provisional)—
Statutory Rules 1910, Nos. 109, 125, 127, 129, 134, 136.
Statutory Rules 1911, Nos. 9, 10, 24, 45, 47, 62, 64, 69, 74, 79, 89, 91, 92, 97, 106, 109.
Regulations amended, &c.—
Statutory Rules 1910, Nos. 114, 126, 135.
Statutory Rules 1911, Nos. 3, 40, 41, 43, 46, 61, 68, 70, 90, 100, 113, 114.
Wireless Telegraphy Act—Provisional Regulations—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 105.
4. ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address-in-Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to by this House:—
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—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Frank J. Foster 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 to-morrow.

6th September, 1911.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—LIGHTHOUSES BILL—REQUEST FOR RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION OF.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 2.

Pursuant to the Standing Orders in that behalf, the Senate requests the House of Representatives to resume the consideration of a Bill for "*An Act relating to Lighthouses, Lightships, Beacons, and Buoys*," which was transmitted to the House of Representatives for concurrence during last session of the Parliament, and the proceedings on which were interrupted by the prorogation of the Parliament.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 6th September, 1911.

H. TURLEY,
President.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PARLIAMENTARY WITNESSES BILL—REQUEST FOR RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION OF.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 3.

Pursuant to the Standing Orders in that behalf, the Senate requests the House of Representatives to resume the consideration of a Bill for "*An Act relating to Parliamentary Witnesses*," which was transmitted to the House of Representatives for concurrence during last session of the Parliament, and the proceedings on which were interrupted by the prorogation of the Parliament.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 6th September, 1911.

H. TURLEY,
President.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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. Archibald, Mr. Brown, Mr. Carr, Mr. Catts, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Fairbairn, Sir John Forrest, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Harper, Mr. Higgs, Mr. W. Elliot Johnson, Mr. Livingston, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Mahon, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Ozanne, Mr. Poynton, Sir John Quick, Mr. Laird Smith, Mr. Spence, and Mr. Thomson.

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