

1911.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 9.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 19TH SEPTEMBER, 1911.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—KALGOORLIE TO PORT AUGUSTA RAILWAY BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

Message No. 3.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the construction of a Railway from Kalgoorlie, in the State of Western Australia, to Port Augusta, in the State of South Australia, the acquisition of the necessary land, the appointment of officers, the making of charges, and the appropriation of money, in connexion with such Railway.

DENMAN,
Governor-General.

15th September, 1911.

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

3. PAPER.—Mr. O'Malley presented, pursuant to Statute—
Public Service Act—Seventh Report on the Public Service, by the Commissioner.
4. DISASTERS (OVERSEA)—MONEY VOTED.—Mr. Bamford moved, pursuant to notice, That a Return be laid upon the Table showing—
 - (1) The number of occasions upon which money has been voted by the Parliament in relief of oversea disasters.
 - (2) Where such disasters have occurred, and the dates thereof.
 - (3) The amount voted in each case.

Question—put and passed.

5. 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.

And the House continuing to sit till after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Fisher informed the House that the Address-in-Reply would be presented to His Excellency at a suitable opportunity.

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6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 2 be postponed until next sitting.
7. LIGHTHOUSES BILL.—SENATE'S REQUEST FOR RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION OF.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Message from the Senate requesting the resumption by the House of the consideration of this Bill, which was transmitted to the House for concurrence during last Session of the Parliament, and the proceedings on which were interrupted by the Prorogation of the Parliament—
 Mr. Fisher moved, That the request of the Senate, contained in its Message No. 2, for the resumption by the House of the consideration of the Lighthouses Bill, be complied with, and that a Message be transmitted to the Senate acquainting it therewith.
 Question—put and passed.
 Mr. Fisher moved, That the second reading of the Bill (the stage which the Bill had reached last Session) be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
 Question—put and passed.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 4, 5, and 6 be postponed until next sitting.
9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at thirteen minutes to one o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day 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. Finlayson, Mr. Frank J. Foster, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Groom, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Livingston, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Mahon, Mr. W. Maloney, Sir John Quick, Mr. Ryrie, Mr. Salmon, Mr. Sampson, Mr. Spence, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Thomson.

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