THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 42.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

REPRESENTATIVES. HOUSE OF

WEDNESDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER, 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. RETURN TO WRIT (BOOTHBY DIVISION).—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a Return to the Writ which he had issued on the 18th ultimo, for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Boothby, in the State of South Australia, and that by the indorsement on the Writ it appeared that David John Gordon had been elected in pursuance of the said Writ.
- 3. Member Sworn.—David John Gordon, Esquire, was introduced, and made and subscribed the Oath required by law.
- 4. Petition.—Mr. Wise, for Mr. Chapman, presented a Petition from H. J. S. Hungerford, a resident in the Federal Capital Territory at Yass-Canberra, stating that the residents are now without representation in the Parliament, that laws for the government of the Territory will shortly be passed, that the residents desire to be represented when such laws are being considered, and praying that the House will pass such legislation as will give them representation in the Parliament.

Petition read and received.

5. Commonwealth Bank Bill.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Fisher moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Glynn 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.

6. PAPERS.—Mr. Fisher presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Banks Trading in the Commonwealth-

Average Liabilities and Assets—1880 to 1910.

Capital, Dividends, and Reserve Funds-1885 to 1911.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

Mr. O'Malley presented, pursuant to Statute-

Public Service Act-Regulation No. 104 Amended (Provisional)-Statutory Rules 1911, No. 181.

7. Supply [Budget Debate].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Consideration resumed of the motion of Mr. Fisher (see p. 86, ante), That the first item in the Estimates, under Division I.—The Parliament—namely—

> The President £1,100

be agreed to.

General debate continued.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly. Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee. F.8496.

8. Temporary Chairman of Committees.—The following Warrant, nominating Mr. Bamford a Temporary Chairman of Committees to act in the place of Mr. Roberts, who, in consequence of his appointment as Honorary Minister, had requested to be relieved of the position, was laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker pursuant to Standing Order No. 25:—

The Parliament of the Commonwealth.

House of Representatives.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order numbered 25, I do hereby nominate—
The Honorable Frederick William Bamford

to act in the place of the Honorable Ernest Alfred Roberts as a Temporary Chairman of Committees when requested to do so by the Chairman of Committees.

Given under my hand this fifteenth day of November, One thousand nine hundred and eleven.

CHARLES McDONALD, Speaker.

9. Papers.—Mr. Fisher presented, pursuant to Statute—

Australian Notes Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 165.

Land Tax Assessment Act—Regulation No. 23 Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1911

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 Adjournment.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House do now adjourn. Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at one minute 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. Anstey, Mr. Carr, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Frank J. Foster, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Howe,
Mr. Hans Irvine, Mr. Livingston, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McDougall, Mr. McWilliams,
Mr. Parker Moloney, Mr. Ryrie, Mr. Salmon, Mr. Sampson, and Mr. Webster.

WALTER A. GALE,

Clerk Assistant,
for Clerk of the House of Representatives.