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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 2.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 20TH JUNE, 1912.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. Fisher presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 - Railway Passes—Issue of, to ex-Ministers of the Commonwealth—Circular Letter to State Premiers.
 - Industrial Trouble in Queensland—Application by the Executive Government of the State under Section 119 of the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution; also correspondence.Mr. Tudor presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 - Lighting of the Coast Line of the Commonwealth—Reports (April, 1912) by Commander Brewis, R.N., on—
 - Bass Strait (south-east coast of Victoria).
 - Tasmania and the Islands in Bass Strait.
 - North Coast (Northern Territory, Cape Wessel, to Cape Fourcroy).
 - North-East Coast (Torres Strait to Cape Moreton).Mr. Roberts presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 - Defence Forces—Explanatory Memorandum regarding—
 - (a) Universal Training Regulations for the Citizen Forces.
 - (b) Proposed New Military Organization.
 - (c) How the Scheme of Re-organization affects National Regiments.
 - (d) Remarks on Retention of National Regiments.
 - Fleet Unit—
 - Memorandum by the Minister for Defence relative to the arrangements which have been made for providing and training the personnel required to man the vessels that will form the Fleet Unit.Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
- Mr. Tudor presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Public Service Act—Department of Trade and Customs—Abolition of office of Assistant Comptroller-General; creation of office of Chief Surveyor, 1st Class, and appointment of W. H. Barkley to that office; promotion of R. M. Oakley to 1st Class; J. Banks as Inspector, 2nd Class; A. Stewart as Examining Officer, 3rd Class; J. A. Lees as Examining Officer, 4th Class; and R. W. Bell as Clerk, 4th Class.
- Mr. Frazer presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Public Service Act—Appointments and Promotions, Department of Postmaster-General—
 - Percy Howe, as Chief Clerk, 1st Class, Central Staff.
 - A. J. Christie, as Clerk in Charge, 2nd Class, Accounts Branch (Money Order), Sydney.
 - G. H. Morgan, Manager (Telephones), Electrical Engineer's Branch, Victoria, promoted to the 2nd Class.
 - R. Eagle, as Controller of Stores, 2nd Class, Sydney.
 - W. F. Ferguson, as Accountant, 2nd Class, Adelaide.
 - T. Finlay, as Clerk, 3rd Class, Accounts Branch, Sydney.
 - A. D. Craig, as Engineer (in charge of lines), Class C, Electrical Engineer's Branch, New South Wales.
 - L. E. Tilney, as Officer in Charge, 3rd Class, Wireless Telegraph Station, Fremantle.
 - D. G. Ryan and T. P. McKee, as Inspectors, 3rd Class, Queensland.
 - Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations, Amended, &c.—Statutory Rules 1911, Nos. 192, 194, 197, 203, 214, 215; 1912, Nos. 4, 26, 27, 35, 45, 46, 64, 65, 66, 69, 70, 71, 78, 79, 85, 94, 95, 96, 97.
 - Wireless Telegraphy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1911, No. 216.

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3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—BANKING COMPANIES RESERVE LIABILITIES BILL—REQUEST FOR RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION OF.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 1.

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 authorizing any Joint Stock Banking Company formed or incorporated in any State to form Reserve Funds for the express purpose of providing or accumulating Funds to protect the Shareholders in such Banking Companies against their liability in respect of the uncalled capital or reserve liabilities on their shares, and to provide for the creation of Corporate Bodies in which such Reserve Funds may be vested,*" which was transmitted to the House of Representatives for concurrence during the Session of 1910, and was, in accordance with the Standing Orders, proceeded with last Session.

H. TURLEY,
President.The Senate,
Melbourne, 20th June, 1912.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 4th July next.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—NAVIGATION 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 Navigation and Shipping,*" 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.

H. TURLEY,
President.The Senate,
Melbourne, 20th June, 1912.

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

5. 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 the session of 1910, and was, in accordance with the Standing Orders, proceeded with last Session.

H. TURLEY,
President.The Senate,
Melbourne, 20th June, 1912.

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

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

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 4.

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 the disposal of Naval and Military Decorations,*" 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.

H. TURLEY,
President.The Senate,
Melbourne, 20th June, 1912.

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

7. 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—Mr. Deakin addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

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

And then the House, at twenty-five minutes to four o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bamford, Mr. Brown, Mr. Carr, Mr. Catts, Sir John Forrest, Mr. Hedges, Mr. Hans Irvine, Mr. W. H. Irvine, Mr. Livingston, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Mahon, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. McDougall, Sir John Quick, Mr. Salmon, and Mr. Spence.

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