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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 20.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH MAY, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
 2. PAPER.—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Watson presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Members of First Parliament of the Commonwealth—Title of “Honorable.”—Copy of letter from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, to His Excellency the Governor-General, dated the 23rd March, 1904, regarding the use of the title of “Honorable” by Members of the First Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia.
Mr. Watson, in order to allow him to make a Ministerial Statement of the Policy of the Government, moved, That the Despatch from the Secretary of State be printed.
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.
 3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—ACTS INTERPRETATION BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—
MR. SPEAKER, *Message No. 2.*
The Senate has agreed to the amendments made by the House of Representatives in the Bill for “*An Act for the Interpretation of Acts of Parliament and for Further Shortening their Language.*”
R. C. BAKER,
President.
The Senate,
Melbourne, 18th May, 1904.
 4. PAPERS.—Mr. Watson presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
Audit Act 1901—Transfers of Amounts approved by His Excellency the Governor-General in Council—Financial Year 1903-4—
Dated 27th April, 1904.
Dated 12th May, 1904.
Mr. Fisher presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—
Public Service Act 1902—Examiner in Electricity, Patents Office, Department of Trade and Customs—Correspondence relating to the appointment of Mr. B. Wallach.
Customs Act 1901, section 168.—Drawback Regulation as to import duty paid on sugar used in the manufacture of condensed milk (dated 30th March, 1904—Statutory Rules, 1904, No. 14).
Patents Act 1903, section 29.—Provisional Regulation (dated 30th April, 1904).
The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
Troops supplied by States to Imperial Forces in South Africa.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 18th June, 1902 (*Part Return presented on 18th June, 1902*).
 5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Watson moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
- And then the House, at nine minutes to five o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Cameron, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Kennedy, and Mr. Phillips.

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