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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 35.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE: STANDING RULES AND ORDERS AS FURTHER AMENDED AND RECOMMENDED BY.—Mr. Speaker, Chairman, brought up from the Standing Orders Committee, Standing Rules and Orders relating to Public Business, also those relating to Private Bills, as further amended and agreed to by the Committee, to 14th September, 1905, and recommended to the House, together with the Proceedings of the Committee.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. PAPER.—Mr. Deakin presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—  
Defence Acts 1903-1904—Military Forces—Financial and Allowance Regulations, Part II., sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph 60—Pay of Permanent Forces—Royal Australian Artillery—Married Establishment—Statutory Rules 1905, No. 54.
4. "CONTRACT" POST AND TELEGRAPH OFFICES.—Mr. Mauger moved, pursuant to notice, *amended by leave*, That a Return be laid on the Table of the House showing—
  - (1) The number and situation of "contract" post and telegraph offices.
  - (2) The amount of each contract.
  - (3) The number of employés in each such "contract" office.
  - (4) The wages paid and hours worked by each employé.
  - (5) Particulars as to the employment of members of the contractor's family.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. PROPOSED POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Mr. Bruce Smith moved, That the Notice of Motion, General Business, be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 19th October next.  
Question—put and negatived.
6. DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The following Order of the Day was read, and, after debate, discharged:—
  1. *Trade, Commerce, and Industries—Standing Parliamentary Committee—Motion (Mr. Isaacs).*
7. DEFENCE REGULATIONS—SELECT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Crouch moved, pursuant to notice, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the advisability of amending the Regulations issued under the Defence Acts; the Committee to consist of Mr. Batchelor, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Maloney, Mr. Mauger, Mr. Page, Mr. Wilks, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit at any time.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Deakin moved, That the debate be now adjourned.  
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.  
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 5th October next.

8. PENNY POSTAGE FOR COMMONWEALTH.—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the penny postage system should be extended to all parts of the Commonwealth. And Mr. Lee 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 Thursday, 5th October next. (*See item No. 12 below.*)
9. PAPER.—The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—  
Sea-Carriage of Goods Act—Effect on Trade with the East.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 7th September, 1905.
10. COMMERCE BILL (No. 2).—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the motion, That the Bill be referred to a Select Committee—  
Mr. Knox moved, That the Bill be referred to a Select Committee consisting of Mr. Brown, Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Lee, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Salmon, and the Mover.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Spence moved, That the debate be now adjourned.  
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.  
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
11. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—HIGH COMMISSIONER—SELECTION OF.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—  
MR. SPEAKER, *Message No. 9.*  
The Senate transmits to the House of Representatives the following Resolution, which has been agreed to by the Senate, and requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein, viz. :—  
“ That, in the opinion of the Senate, the High Commissioner for the Commonwealth of Australia should, when selected, be selected by exhaustive ballot at a joint meeting of the Senate and House of Representatives.”  
R. C. BAKER,  
President.  
The Senate,  
Melbourne, 14th September, 1905.  
Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 12th October next.
12. PENNY POSTAGE FOR COMMONWEALTH.—Ordered—That the resumption of the debate on this question be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 2nd November next, in place of Thursday, 5th October, previously fixed this day.
13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
- And then the House, at two minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Batchelor, Mr. Brown, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Kingston\*, Mr. McColl\*, Mr. McWilliams, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Sydney Smith, Sir George Turner, and Mr. Watkins.

\* On leave.

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