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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 57.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH OCTOBER, 1905.

- 1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2. Message from His Excellency the Governor-General.—Life Assurance Companies Bill.—
 The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

NORTHCOTE.

Governor-General.

Message No. 16.

In accordance with section 58 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General returns to the House of Representatives a proposed law intituled "An Act relating to Assurance on the Lives of Children by Life Assurance Companies or Societies," which has been presented to him for the King's Assent, and transmits, herewith, the following amendments which he recommends to be made in the said proposed law.

Government House,

Melbourne, 25th October, 1905.

Amendments Recommended.

Clause 1, page 1, line 7.—After the words "body of persons" insert the words "corporate or unin-corporate".

Clause 1, page 1, lines 7-8.—Omit the words "incorporated or regulated or enabled to sue and be sued by any charter or Act and".

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration forthwith in Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved-That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

3. Papers.—Sir William Lyne presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Sugar Bonus.—Report by Dr. Maxwell.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Deakin presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament-

Public Service Act 1902.—Amendment of Regulations Nos. 263, 264, 265, 266, and 267A.—Boards of Inquiry.—Statutory Rules 1905, No. 64.

- 4. Supply.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
 - Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved-That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

5. Message from the Senate.—Copyright Bill.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER.

Message No. 13.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "An Act relating to Copyright," and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

R. C. BAKER,

President.

The Senate, Melbourne, 25th October, 1905. 25th October, 1905.

- 6. COPYRIGHT BILL.—Mr. Isaacs moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "A Bill for an Act relating to Copyright," be now read a first time.
 - Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
 - Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
- 7. Adjournment.—Mr. Isaacs moved, That the House do now adjourn. Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
- And then the House at thirty-three minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.
- Members Present.—All Members were present except—Mr. Culpin, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Groom, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Liddell, Mr. McColl, Mr. McLean, Sir John Quick, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Spence, Mr. Storrer, Mr. Dugald Thomson, and Sir George Turner*.

 * On leave.

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