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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 85.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 14TH DECEMBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PRINTING COMMITTEE—FOURTH REPORT FROM.—Mr. Poynton, Acting Chairman, brought up the Fourth Report from the Printing Committee.  
The Report was read by the Clerk, and is as follows :—

## REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have dealt with all the Papers and Petitions laid on the Table of the House since the last sitting of the Committee.

Your Committee find that the following Papers, presented to both Houses, have been printed by the Senate :—

Defence Acts 1903-4—Military Forces—Statutory Rules 1905, No. 69.

Federal Capital Site—Letter from the Premier of New South Wales to the Prime Minister, dated 8th November, 1905.

Your Committee recommend that the following Papers be printed :—

Federal Capital Site—Correspondence between the Prime Minister and the Premier of New South Wales (25th October to 3rd November, 1905).

Banking Returns—Commonwealth States and New Zealand, 1904-5.

Harvesters Imported—Statement of particulars as to.

A. POYNTON,  
Acting Chairman.

House of Representatives,  
Committee Room, 13th December, 1905.

Mr. Poynton moved, by leave, That the Report be agreed to.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 28.

The Senate has agreed to the Bill returned herewith intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Immigration Restriction Act 1901,’* ” with the amendments indicated in the annexed Schedule, with which amendments the Senate desires the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

R. C. BAKER,  
President.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 13th December, 1905.

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 agreed to the amendments made by the Senate.

And the said amendments were read, and are as follow :—

SCHEDULE OF AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

- No. 1.—Page 1, after clause 1 insert new clause—  
“ 1A. This Act shall commence on a day to be fixed by Proclamation.” Commence-  
ment.
- No. 2.—Page 1, clause 3, line 16, leave out “ more ”, insert “ less ”
- No. 3.—Page 1, clause 3, line 20, after “ language ” insert “ or languages ”
- No. 4.—Pages 1 and 2, clause 3, after “ days ” in line 22 leave out remainder of sub-paragraph (a), insert “ and, before or after the expiration of such thirty days, both Houses of the Parliament by a resolution, of which notice has been given, have agreed to such regulation.”
- No. 5.—Page 2, after clause 3, insert new clause—  
“ 3A. Until a regulation prescribing any language or languages Provision until  
language  
prescribed.  
under section three of the Principal Act as amended by this Act shall come into force any language authorized by section three of the Principal Act before the commencement of this Act shall be deemed to be a prescribed language within the meaning of that section as so amended.”
- No. 6.—Page 2, clause 5, lines 24–26, leave out “ and section nine of the Principal Act is further amended by inserting after the word ‘ owner ’ in the proviso the word ‘ agent ’.”
- No. 7.—Page 4, clause 12, lines 12 and 13, leave out “ other than a person deemed to be prohibited under section eight of the Principal Act who ”, insert “ who under section three or section five of this Act ”.

On the motion of Mr. Deakin the House adopted the Report.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—QUEEN VICTORIA MEMORIAL BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 29.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of Twenty-five thousand pounds for the purposes of the erection of a Memorial in honour of the late Queen Victoria,* ” to which it has agreed without amendment.

R. C. BAKER,  
President.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 13th December, 1905.

5. AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIES PRESERVATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—  
Debate resumed.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.  
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 in the Bill, 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.
6. PAPER.—Mr. Chapman presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—  
Public Service Act 1902—Promotion of Mr. W. C. Harris to be Postmaster at Bunbury, Western Australia—Recommendations, &c., and approval.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 2 be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 3.
8. ELECTORAL BILL 1905.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill 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 in the Bill, 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.
9. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SEAT OF GOVERNMENT BILL (1905).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

NORTHCOTE,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 32.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to determine more definitely the Seat of Government of the Commonwealth in the neighbourhood of Dalgety, and the territory there within which it shall be, and to provide for the grant to and acceptance by the Commonwealth of the territory, and to provide for other matters in relation thereto.

Government House,  
Melbourne, 12th December, 1905.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be forthwith considered 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 agreed to a certain resolution.

Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.

And thereupon the said resolution was read, and is as follows:—

*Resolved*—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to determine more definitely the Seat of Government of the Commonwealth in the neighbourhood of Dalgety, and the territory there within which it shall be, and to provide for the grant to and acceptance by the Commonwealth of the territory, and to provide for other matters in relation thereto.

And the said resolution was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Groom do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Groom then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to determine more definitely the Seat of Government of the Commonwealth in the neighbourhood of Dalgety, and the territory there within which it shall be, and to provide for the grant to and acceptance by the Commonwealth of the territory, and to provide for other matters in relation thereto,*" and moved, That it 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.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Isaacs moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at seventeen minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Culpin, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Kingston, and Mr. Reid.

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