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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 17.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 5TH JULY, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. NORTHERN TERRITORY—SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—Mr. Poynton moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, all possible steps should be immediately taken to acquire the Northern Territory from South Australia.
Mr. Mahon moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word "House" be omitted, with a view to insert in place thereof the words, "the Government should negotiate with the Government of South Australia for the acquisition of the Northern Territory on terms just to the Commonwealth."
"That the Commonwealth should not assume responsibility for any sum beyond the actual loss sustained by South Australia in administering the affairs of the Territory since the inception of Federation on 1st January, 1901."
Debate ensued.
Sir Langdon Bonython 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, 16th August next.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF MOTIONS.—Ordered—That Motion No. 2 be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 30th August next, and that the consideration of Motions Nos. 3 and 4 be postponed until after the consideration of Motion No. 5.
4. RUSSIA—OUTRAGES IN.—Mr. Storrer moved, pursuant to notice, *amended*, That this House expresses its deep regret at the news of outrages in Russia, and its confident hope that counsels of wisdom and justice will secure to those of its citizens who are suffering, the effective protection of its laws.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF MOTION.—Ordered—That the consideration of Motion No. 3 be postponed until after the consideration of Motion No. 4.
6. TELEPHONE TRUNK LINES.—Mr. Page moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the rates now charged by the Postal Department for the use of Trunk Telephone lines on the condenser system are excessive and should be reduced.
Mr. David Thomson 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, 9th August next.

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7. PAPUA.—APPOINTMENT OF LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.—Mr. Wilkinson moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the present administration of British New Guinea is unsatisfactory; and, in the interests of good government and the effective development of the Territory, it is advisable that, on the issue of the Proclamation bringing the Papua Act into force, an Australian citizen, in close and recent touch with the aspirations of the Commonwealth and of the Territory, should be appointed Lieutenant-Governor.

Mr. Wilkinson, 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, 26th instant.

8. AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIES PRESERVATION BILL.—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. McDonald 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. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Isaacs moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-nine minutes past eleven 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. Brown, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lonsdale, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McColl, Mr. Reid, Mr. Ronald, and Mr. Wilks.

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