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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 8.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH JULY, 1907.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITION.—Col. Foxton presented a Petition from the Brisbane Chamber of Commerce (Incorporated), under its common seal, representing also the Brisbane Merchants' Association and the United Pastoralists' Association of Queensland, in reference to the proposed Conditions of Tender for Mail Service, asking that vessels under the proposed contract shall call at the principal port of each State, that Brisbane be a port of call, that provision be made for cold storage, that Queensland be not called on to pay more than her proper proportion of the mail subsidy, and praying that the House will frame such measures as will safeguard the equal rights of each State.
Petition received and read.
3. PAPERS.—Sir William Lyne presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Colonial Conference, London, 1907—Minutes of proceedings of.
Merchant Shipping Legislation—Report of a Conference between representatives of the United Kingdom, the Commonwealth of Australia, and New Zealand, on the subject of.
Mr. Groom presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Bounties Bill (1907)—Memorandum, including Report of Conference of State Agricultural Experts, New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, and Western Australia, and Report of the Queensland Agricultural Department, together with other information.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
Mr. Chapman presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Wireless Telegraphy—Report of the Conference on.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
4. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Wynne rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The necessity of inserting in the conditions of the Mail Contract a condition that cold storage accommodation be provided."
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—
Mr. Wynne moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 119, and the Orders of the Day were called on.
5. KALGOORLIE TO PORT AUGUSTA RAILWAY SURVEY BILL (1907).—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 4—
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 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 money be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to Authorize the Survey of Route for a Railway to connect Kalgoorlie, in the State of Western Australia, with Port Augusta, in the State of South Australia.
And the said resolution was adopted by the House.
Ordered—That Mr. Groom and Sir William Lyne 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 Authorize the Survey of Route for a Railway to connect Kalgoorlie, in the State of Western Australia, with Port Augusta, in the State of South Australia," 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.

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6. PAPERS.—Sir William Lyne presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Papua—Astrolabe Copper Field—Report on, by the Honorable Staniforth Smith, Director of Mines.
Sir John Forrest presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Premiers' Conference, held at Brisbane, May, 1907—Report of the Resolutions, Proceedings, and Debates, together with Appendices.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
Mr. Chapman presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
Property for Public Purposes Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at Young, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 2 be postponed until to-morrow.
8. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT BILL (1907).—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 3—
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 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 money 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 and Sir William Lyne 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.
9. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the consideration of the remaining Business (except Questions) be postponed until to-morrow.
10. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir William Lyne moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at five minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bowden, Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Carr, Mr. Crouch, Mr. Deakin, Mr. Hall, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Mahon, Mr. Sinclair, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Mr. John Thomson, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Willis.

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