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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 113.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 9TH APRIL, 1908.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PRIVILEGE—PROGRESS REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE RE PROCEDURE IN CASES OF.—Sir John Quick, Chairman, brought up a Progress Report from the Select Committee on Procedure in Cases of Privilege.
The Report was read by the Clerk, and is as follows :—

PROGRESS REPORT.

The Select Committee appointed to join with a Select Committee of the Senate to inquire and report as to the best procedure in cases of Privilege and other matters have the honour to report that they have made progress, and request leave to report the Minutes of Evidence from time to time.

JOHN QUICK,
Chairman.

Committee Room,
9th April, 1908.

Sir John Quick moved, by leave, That the Report be adopted.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
3. PAPERS.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Federal Capital Site—Further correspondence between the Prime Minister and the Premier of New South Wales, 1st to 9th April, 1908.
Mr. Hume Cook presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Electoral Rolls, New South Wales, 1906.—Removals and Additions of Names.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
4. SUPPLY.—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—
Question proposed—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Mr. Deakin moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word "That" be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof :—"the consideration of the Order of the Day be postponed until to-morrow".
Debate ensued.
Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Mr. Webster moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word "That" be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof :—"a Royal Commission be appointed to inquire into and report upon the Postal, Telegraph, and Telephone systems of the Commonwealth, and the working thereof".
Debate ensued.

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Mr. Fisher moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Motion—That the debate be now adjourned—by leave, withdrawn.

Debate continued.

Mr. Hall moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Bamford	Mr. Mauger
Mr. Catts	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Chanter	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Chapman	Mr. Page
Mr. Hume Cook	Mr. Salmon
Mr. Coon	Mr. Spence
Mr. Deakin	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Ewing	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Foster	Mr. Watson
Mr. Hall	Mr. Wise
Sir William Lyne	
Mr. Mahon	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Maloney	Mr. Crouch
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Storrer

Noes, 31.

Mr. Archer	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Batchelor	Sir John Quick
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Reid
Mr. Tilley Brown	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Thomas Brown	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Carr	Mr. Bruce Smith
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Dugald Thomson
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Webster
Mr. Frazer	Mr. Wilks
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Willis
Sir Philip Fysh	Mr. Wynne
Mr. Hedges	
Mr. Hutchison	
Mr. W. H. Irvine	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Kelly	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Liddell	Mr. Wilson

And so it passed in the negative.

Debate continued.

Mr. Chanter moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 35.

Mr. Bamford	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Batchelor	Mr. Mauger
Mr. Thomas Brown	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Carr	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Catts	Mr. Page
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Chapman	Mr. Salmon
Mr. Hume Cook	Mr. Spence
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Storrer
Mr. Deakin	Mr. Thomas
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Mr. Frazer	Mr. Webster
Mr. Hall	
Mr. Hutchison	
Sir William Lyne	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mahon	Mr. Coon
Mr. Maloney	Mr. Wise

Noes, 26.

Mr. Archer	Mr. Liddell
Mr. Atkinson	Sir John Quick
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Reid
Mr. Tilley Brown	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Bruce Smith
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Dugald Thomson
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Wilks
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Willis
Sir Philip Fysh	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Hedges	Mr. Wynne
Mr. W. H. Irvine	
Mr. Johnson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Kelly	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Knox	Mr. Sampson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, after debate, That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.

5. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—APPROPRIATION BILL 1907-8.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 27.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and eight and to appropriate the supplies granted for such year in this session of the Parliament,*" to which it has agreed without request.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 9th April, 1908.

A. J. GOULD,
President.

9th April, 1908.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, 'That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at four minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until Wednesday next, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Edwards, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hans Irvine, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Livingston, and Mr. John Thomson.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.