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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH

No. 25.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 1908.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—  

DUDLEY,  
*Governor-General.* *Message No. 4.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and nine*" (£727,749), as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

16th October, 1908.
3. PAPER.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  

Navigation Bill—Despatch from Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated 18th September, 1908, and cablegram conveying Prime Minister's reply thereto, dated 28th October, 1908.

Ordered to lie on the Table.
4. STRIPPER HARVESTERS AND DRILLS—SELECT COMMITTEE.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Poynton :—  

That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the prices charged to farmers for Stripper Harvesters and Drills—*and on the amendment moved thereto by Mr. Joseph Cook, viz. :—That the following words be added to the motion :—"and the wages paid, and other conditions observed in their production."*

Debate resumed.  
 Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.  
 On the motion of Mr. Hume Cook the motion was amended to read as follows :—  
 That a Select Committee consisting of the honorable Members for Grey, Illawarra, Riverina, Wannon, and Wimmera, be appointed to inquire into and report upon the prices charged to farmers for Stripper Harvesters and Drills; the terms and conditions of payment, together with the wages paid, the class of labour employed, the hours worked, and other factors in their production.

The motion, as so amended, was put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. COLOURED LABOUR ON SHIPS DURING INDUSTRIAL DISTURBANCES.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the Debate on the following motion of Mr. Hughes :—  

That the Contract Immigrants Act should be amended so as to prevent the employment of coloured or Asiatic labour upon or in connexion with ships in Commonwealth ports during the time of industrial disturbance.

Mr. Watson moved, as an amendment, That the words "at work usually performed by shore workmen" be inserted after the words "Asiatic labour".

Debate continued.  
 Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put and resolved in the affirmative.  
 Question—That the Contract Immigrants Act should be amended so as to prevent the employment of coloured or Asiatic labour at work usually performed by shore workmen upon or in connexion with ships in Commonwealth ports during the time of industrial disturbance—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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6. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered, That the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 3 be postponed until Thursday next.
7. **STRIPPER HARVESTERS AND DRILLS—SELECT COMMITTEE.**—Mr. Chanter moved, That the Select Committee on Stripper Harvesters and Drills report to the House on or before 10th December next, and that they have leave to send for persons, papers, and records, to report the minutes of evidence from time to time, and to move from place to place, and that three be the quorum of the Committee.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
8. **PUBLIC SERVANTS' CIVIL RIGHTS.**—Mr. Batchelor moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the restriction of the civil rights of the public servants of the Commonwealth is undemocratic, inequitable, and harmful.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Hume Cook 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, 12th November next.
9. **CADETS—MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF.**—Mr. Hutchison moved, pursuant to notice, That all cadets shall undergo a thorough medical examination before entering upon a naval or military training. And Mr. Hutchison 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 November next.
10. **PAPUA—NATIVE LABOUR AND CROWN LANDS—SELECT COMMITTEE.**—Mr. McWilliams moved, pursuant to notice, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the system of indenting native labour in Papua, and the methods of leasing and selling Crown lands. And Mr. McWilliams 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, 12th November next.
11. **SUPPLY.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald 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.
12. **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 two minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT.**—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Tilley Brown, Mr. Carr, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Foster, Mr. Liddell, Mr. Sampson, Mr. Sinclair, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Wilson.

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