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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 35.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER, 1908.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. Hutchison presented, pursuant to Statute—
Defence Acts—Military Forces—Financial and Allowance Regulation Amended (Provisional)—
No. 143—Statutory Rules 1908, No. 118.
The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
Spirits—Statistics *re*, for 1907—Return to an Order of the House dated 4th November, 1908.
3. GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—PRECEDENCE TO—[MINISTERIAL STATEMENT].—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Fisher :—That on each sitting day, until otherwise ordered, Government Business shall take precedence of General Business—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Wilks 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 to-morrow.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered, That the Orders of the Day and Notices of Motion, General Business, be postponed until Thursday next.
5. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT [YASS-CANBERRA] BILL.—Mr. Mahon moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to Determine the Seat of Government of the Commonwealth.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Mahon then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to Determine the Seat of Government of the Commonwealth*," 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.
6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-three minutes past ten 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. Chapman*, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Wynne.

* On leave.

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