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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 84.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH NOVEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Frazer 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 Administration of the Immigration Contract Act in Western Australia."
- 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. Frazer moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
3. NORTHERN TERRITORY ACCEPTANCE BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the third reading of this Bill—Mr. Kelly moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the consideration of a new clause providing that the Bill shall not become law until a majority of the electors of the Commonwealth voting at a Referendum shall have endorsed the terms contained in the Bill for the transfer of the Northern Territory.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put.
The House divided—

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Carr	Mr. Maloney
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Coon	Mr. McDougall
Mr. Deakin	Sir John Quick
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Frank J. Foster	Mr. Thomas
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. John Thomson
Mr. Frazer	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Willis
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Hall	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Hume Cook
Mr. Livingston	Mr. Poynton

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Mr. Bowden	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Tilley Brown	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Catts	Mr. Bruce Smith
Mr. Hedges	Mr. Dugald Thomson
Mr. Hans Irvine	Mr. Wilks
Mr. Liddell	
Mr. Mahon	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Crouch
Mr. Palmer	Mr. Johnson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

4. PAPER.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Naval and Military Defence of the Empire—Conference with Representatives of the Self-governing Dominions—1909.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

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5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-six minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Archer, Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Chapman, Sir Thomas Ewing, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hughes, Mr. W. H. Irvine, Mr. Knox, Sir William Lyne, Sir George Reid, Mr. Spence, Mr. Watson, and Mr. Webster.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Clerk of the House of Representatives