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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH

No. 89.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS BILL ["INCOME"].—Sir John Forrest moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the definition of the word Income in the *Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act 1908*.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Sir John Forrest then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the definition of the word Income in the 'Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act 1908'*", and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
 Sir John Forrest moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
 Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Johnson reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.
 On the motion of Sir John Forrest the House adopted the Report.
 Sir John Forrest moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a third time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.
3. DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.—On the motion of Mr. Deakin, seconded by Mr. Fisher, His Excellency the Governor-Designate of Queensland (Sir William MacGregor, G.C.M.G., C.B.) was provided with a seat on the floor of the House.
4. ELECTORAL BILL (1909) (No. 2).—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole House on this Bill—Mr. Fuller moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clause 17, paragraph 109A (a), clause 19, paragraph 138 (1), and clause 33, paragraph 4.
 And new clause 27A having been, on the motion of Mr. Frazer, added to the clauses proposed to be recommitted—
 Question—That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clause 17, paragraph 109A (a), clause 19, paragraph 138 (1), new clause 27A, and clause 33, paragraph 4—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 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 reconsidered the portions of the Bill referred to it and had agreed to the same with further amendments.
 Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 On the motion of Mr. Fuller the House adopted the Reports.
 Mr. Fuller moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

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5. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT ACCEPTANCE BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—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 made progress in the Bill, 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.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at thirteen minutes to eleven 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. Archer, Mr. Tilley Brown, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Chapman, Sir Thomas Ewing, Mr. Frank J. Foster, Mr. Hughes, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McDougall, Sir George Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Watson, and Mr. Wilks.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.