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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 15.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 16TH JULY, 1912.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—Mr. Speaker reported that, accompanied by honorable Members, he had yesterday waited upon His Excellency the Governor-General, in the Parliamentary Library, and had presented to him the Address-in-Reply to His Excellency's Speech on the Opening of Parliament, agreed to by the House on the 12th instant, and that His Excellency had made the following reply :—

TO THE HONORABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES :
GENTLEMEN,—

It gives me great pleasure to receive your Address-in-Reply to the Speech delivered by me on the occasion of the Opening of the Third Session of the Fourth Parliament of the Commonwealth. I thank you for your expression of loyalty to Our Most Gracious Sovereign.

I anticipate with confidence that the result of your considerations of the measures to be submitted to Parliament will prove of great benefit to the people of Australia.

DENMAN,
Governor-General.

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3. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE.—Mr. Fisher, on behalf of Mr. Speaker, Chairman, presented the first Report of the Standing Orders Committee (Time limit of speeches).
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

4. PAPERS.—Mr. Fisher presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Statement in Auditor-General's Report for 1911-12 *re* amount of Australian Notes in circulation on 14th November, 1911.

Mr. O'Malley presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Federal Capital City—Report of Board on the Competitive Designs for laying out the City.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Thomas presented, pursuant to Statute—

Papua—Ordinance No. 7 of 1911—Ordinance Interpretation.

Mr. O'Malley presented, pursuant to Statute—

Electoral Act—Tentative recommendation in relation to Divisions of Herbert and Kennedy, State of Queensland, by Mr. W. H. Graham, one of the Commissioners appointed for the purpose of redistributing the State of Queensland into Electoral Divisions.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land leased to G. A. Boreham at Acton, Federal Territory.

Mr. Roberts presented, pursuant to Statute—

Defence Act—Regulations Amended, &c. (Provisional)—

Universal Training—

Statutory Rules 1912, No. 134.

Statutory Rules 1912, No. 135.

Military Forces—

Regulations—

Statutory Rules 1912, No. 132.

Financial and Allowance Regulations—

Statutory Rules 1912, No. 133.

Statutory Rules 1912, No. 136.

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5. ORDER OF BUSINESS.—Mr. Fisher moved, pursuant to notice, That on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday in each week, until otherwise ordered, Government business shall take precedence of all other business; and that on each Thursday until half-past six o'clock, until otherwise ordered, General business shall take precedence of Government business.
Question—put and passed.
6. ORDER OF GENERAL BUSINESS.—Mr. Fisher moved, pursuant to notice, That on Thursday in each week, until otherwise ordered, General business shall be called on in the following order, viz. :—
On one Thursday—
Notices of Motion.
Orders of the Day.
On the alternate Thursday—
Orders of the Day.
Notices of Motion.
Question—put and passed.
7. BANKING COMPANIES RESERVE LIABILITIES BILL.—SENATE'S REQUEST FOR RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION OF.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Message from the Senate requesting the resumption by the House of the consideration of this Bill, which was transmitted to the House for concurrence during the Session of 1910, and the proceedings on which were resumed last Session at the request of the Senate, but were interrupted by the Prorogation of the Parliament—
Mr. Greene moved, That the request of the Senate, contained in its Message No. 1, for the resumption by the House of the consideration of the Banking Companies Reserve Liabilities Bill, be complied with, and that a Message be transmitted to the Senate acquainting it therewith.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Greene moved, That the further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the whole House (the stage which the Bill had reached last Session) be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 1st August next.
Question—put and passed.
8. NAVIGATION BILL.—SENATE'S REQUEST FOR RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION OF.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Message from the Senate requesting the resumption by the House of the consideration of this Bill, which was transmitted to the House for concurrence during the last Session of the Parliament, and the proceedings on which were interrupted by the Prorogation of the Parliament—
Mr. Tudor moved, That the request of the Senate, contained in its Message No. 2, for the resumption by the House of the consideration of the Navigation Bill, be complied with, and that a Message be transmitted to the Senate acquainting it therewith.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Tudor moved, by leave, That the second reading of the Bill (the stage which the Bill had reached last Session) be made an Order of the Day for this day.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Tudor moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Sir Robert Best moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Friday next.
9. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the consideration of all intervening business be postponed until after the consideration of Notice of Motion No. 5.
10. SPEECHES OF MEMBERS—TIME LIMIT.—Mr. McWilliams moved, pursuant to notice, That, in order to secure the despatch of business and the good government of the Commonwealth, the Standing Orders of this House should be immediately amended in the direction of placing a time limit on the speeches delivered by honorable Members in the House and in Committee.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Webster moved an amendment, That the following words be added to the motion :—
“No Member shall speak for more than half-an-hour at a time in any debate in the House, except in the debate on the Address-in-Reply, or in a debate on a motion of ‘No Confidence,’ or in moving the second reading of a Bill, or on the debate on the Appropriation Bill or on the Financial Statement in Committee, when a Member shall be at liberty to speak for one hour. In Committee of the House no Member shall speak for more than ten minutes at any one time, or more than four times on any one question before the Committee: Provided that this rule shall not apply in Committee to a Member in charge of a Bill, or to a Minister when delivering the Financial Statement, or, in regard to the number of his speeches, to a Minister in charge of a class of the Estimates in Committee of Supply.”
Debate continued.
Mr. Spence moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

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11. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Brown, Mr. Carr, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Hedges*, Mr. Hans Irvine, Mr. Jensen, Sir William Lyne*, Sir John Quick, and Mr. Ryrie.

* On leave.

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