THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 18.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 19TH JULY, 1912.

- 1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2. Navigation Bill.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

Mr. W. Elliot Johnson 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 a later hour this day.

3. Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta Railway Bill (1912).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. O'Malley moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole

(In the Committee.;

Clause 1 agreed to.
Clause 2 debated, and agreed to.
Title agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. O'Malley, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 4. Postponement of Business.—Ordered, That the consideration of the intervening G overnment Business be postponed until after the consideration of Notice of Motion (Government Business) No. 3.
- 5. ELECTORAL DIVISIONS OF VICTORIA—PROPOSED REDISTRIBUTION.—Mr. O'Malley moved, pursuant to notice, That the House of Representatives approves of the distribution of the State of Victoria into Electoral Divisions as proposed by Messrs. R. C. Oldham, J. M. Reed, and J. Molloy, the Commissioners for the purpose of distributing the said State into Divisions, in their report laid before Parliament on the 19th day of June, 1912, and that the names of the Divisions suggested in the report and indicated on the map referred to therein be adopted, except that the name "Henty" be substituted for "Caulfield."

Debate ensued.

Mr. Fenton 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 Tuesday next.

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6. Message from the Governor-General.—Pine Creek to Katherine River Railway Survey Bill.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

DENMAN,

Governor-General.

Message No. 3.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Survey of a route for a line of Railway in the Northern Territory from Pine Creek to the Katherine River.

Government House,

Sydney, 18th July, 1912.

Ordered - That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Tudor moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at six minutes to four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Carr, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Deakin, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Frank J. Foster, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Hedges*, Mr. Hans Irvine, Mr. W. J. Johnson, Mr. Livingston, Sir William Lyne*, Mr. Riley, Mr. Salmon, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Webster, Mr. West, and Mr. Wynne.

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