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PARLIAMENT CONVENED.

TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT—SECOND SESSION.

(*Gazette, No. 26.*)

NEW SOUTH WALES } Proclamation by his Excellency Sir HARRY HOLDSWORTH RAWSON,
to wit. } Admiral in the Royal Navy, Knight Grand Cross of the Most
(L.S.) } Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor of the State of New
HARRY H. RAWSON, } South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of
Governor. } Australia.

WHEREAS the Parliament of New South Wales now stands prorogued to Tuesday, the third day of March next: Now, I, Sir HARRY HOLDSWORTH RAWSON, in pursuance of the power and authority in me vested as Governor of the said State, do hereby further prorogue the said Parliament to Tuesday, the tenth day of March now next ensuing, and I do hereby further announce and proclaim that the said Parliament shall assemble for the despatch of business on the aforesaid tenth day of March next, at twelve o'clock at noon, in the buildings known as the Legislative Council Chambers, situate in Macquarie-street, in the city of Sydney: and the Members of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly respectively are hereby required to give their attendance at the said time and place accordingly.

Given under my hand and seal, at Sydney, this twenty-sixth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eight, and in the eighth year of his Majesty's reign.

By his Excellency's command,

W. H. WOOD.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

LEGISLATURE OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

GOVERNOR :

(From 27 May, 1902.)

His Excellency Sir HARRY HOLDSWORTH RAWSON, Admiral in the Royal Navy, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR :

His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir FREDERICK MATTHEW DARLEY, a Member of his Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Lieutenant-Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.

THE WADE MINISTRY*:

(From 2 October, 1907).

Premier, Attorney-General, and Minister of Justice	THE HON. CHARLES GREGORY WADE, K.C.
Colonial Treasurer	THE HON. THOMAS WADDELL.
Colonial Secretary, and Secretary for Mines ...	THE HON. WILLIAM HERBERT WOOD.
Secretary for Lands	THE HON. SAMUEL WILKINSON MOORE.
Secretary for Public Works	THE HON. CHARLES ALFRED LEE.
Minister of Agriculture	THE HON. JOHN PERRY.
Minister of Public Instruction, and Minister for Labour and Industry	THE HON. JAMES ALEXANDER HOGUE.
Vice-President of the Executive Council	THE HON. JOHN HUGHES, M.L.C.
Members of the Executive Council (without portfolio)	{ THE HON. JAMES ASHTON, M.L.C. { THE HON. CHARLES WILLIAM OAKES.

* Portfolios as rearranged, 22 January, 1908.

MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :

TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT—SECOND SESSION.

1. Ashton, The Honorable James.
2. Black, The Honorable Reginald James.
3. Brown, The Honorable Alexander.
4. Brunker, The Honorable James Nixon.
5. Buzacott, The Honorable Nicholas James.
6. Charles, The Honorable Samuel.
7. Creed, The Honorable John Mildred,
M.R.C.S.
8. Cullen, The Honorable William Portus,
K.C., LL.D.
9. Dangar, The Honorable Henry Carey.
10. Dick, The Honorable William Thomas.
11. Earp, The Honorable George Frederick.
12. Fitzgerald, The Honorable Robert George
Dundas.
13. Flowers, The Honorable Frederick.
14. Fosbery, The Honorable Edmund Walcott,
C.M.G.
15. Gannon, The Honorable James Conley.
16. Gormly, The Honorable James.
17. Greene, The Honorable George Henry.
18. Hawken, The Honorable Nicholas.
19. Hayes, The Honorable James.
20. Hefher, The Honorable John.
21. Heydon, The Honorable Louis Francis.
22. Hill, The Honorable William Charles.
23. Holborow, The Honorable Colonel William
Hillier, C.M.G.
24. Hughes, The Honorable John.
Humphery, The Honorable Frederick
Thomas.²
25. Hurley, The Hon. William Fergus.
26. Jones, The Honorable Richard.
27. Kater, The Honorable Henry Edward.
28. Kethel, The Honorable Alexander.
29. Lee, The Honorable George.
30. Long, The Honorable William Alexander.
31. Macintosh, The Honorable John.
32. Mackay, The Honorable Colonel James
Alexander Kenneth, C.B.
33. Mackellar, The Honorable Charles Kinnaird,
M.B., C.M.
34. MacLaurin, The Honorable Sir Henry
Normand, Kt., M.D., LL.D.
35. McCaughey, The Honorable Sir Samuel, Kt.
36. Meagher, The Honorable John.
37. Meeks, The Honorable Alfred William.
38. Moses, The Honorable Henry.
39. Nash, The Honorable John Brady, M.D.
40. Pilcher, The Honorable Charles Edward,
K.C.
41. Renwick, The Honorable Sir Arthur, Kt.,
M.D., F.R.C.S.
42. Roberts, The Honorable Charles James,
C.M.G.
43. Robson, The Honorable William.
44. Ross, The Honorable Alexander.
45. Ryrie, The Honorable Alexander.
46. Smith, The Honorable Fergus Jágo.
47. Stuart, The Honorable Henry.
48. Suttor, The Honorable Sir Francis Bathurst,
Kt., *President*.
49. Trickett, The Honorable William Joseph,
Chairman of Committees.
50. Walker, The Honorable William.
51. Wilson, The Honorable James.
52. Winchcombe, The Honorable Frederick
Earle.
Wise, The Honorable Bernhard Ringrose,
K.C.¹

¹ Seat vacated 20 December, 1907, for non-attendance, in terms of section 19 of Constitution t, No. 32 of 1902.² Decease reported, 10 April, 1908.

MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT—SECOND SESSION.

1. Arthur, Richard, Esq., M.D.	Middle Harbour.
2. Ball, Richard Thomas, Esq.	Corowa.
3. Barton, Charles Hampden, Esq.	The Macquarie.
4. Beeby, George Stephenson, Esq.	Blayney.
5. Briner, George Stuart, Esq.	Raleigh.
6. Broughton, Ernest Clement Vernon, Esq.	King.
7. Brown, William, Esq.	Durham.
8. Burgess, George Arthur, Esq.	Burrangong.
9. Cann, John Henry, Esq.	Broken Hill.
10. Carmichael, Ambrose Campbell, Esq.	Leichhardt.
11. Carruthers, The Hon. Joseph Hector	St. George.
12. Charlton, Matthew, junior, Esq.	Northumberland.
13. Clark, Edward Mann, Esq.	St. Leonards.
14. Cohen, John Jacob, Esq. (<i>Chairman of Committees</i>)	Petersham.
15. Collins, Albert Ernest, Esq.	The Namoi.
16. Dacey, John Rowland, Esq.	Alexandria.
17. Davidson, Robert, Esq.	Hastings and Macleay.
18. Donaldson, Robert Thomas, Esq.	Wynyard.
19. Dooley, James, Esq.	Hartley.
20. Downes, Frederick William Arthur, Esq.	Camden.
21. Edden, Alfred, Esq.	Kahibah.
22. Estell, John, Esq.	Waratah.
23. Fallick, James, Esq.	Singleton.
24. Fell, David, Esq.	Lane Cove.
25. Fitzpatrick, John Charles Lucas, Esq.*	Orange.
26. Fleming, William Montgomerie, Esq.	The Upper Hunter.
27. Gilbert, Owen, Esq.*	Newcastle.
28. Gillies, John, Esq.	Maitland.
29. Graham, Sir James, Kt., M.D.	Surry Hills.
30. Grahame, William Calman, Esq.	Wickham.
31. Griffith, Arthur Hill, Esq.	Sturt.
32. Hall, Brinsley, Esq.	The Hawkesbury.
33. Henley, Thomas, Esq.	Burwood.
34. Hindmarsh, George Thomas, Esq.	Rous.
35. Hogue, The Hon. James Alexander	The Glebe.
36. Hollis, Robert, Esq.	Newtown.
37. Holman, William Arthur, Esq.	Cootamundra.
38. Horne, Henry Edwin, Esq.	Liverpool Plains.
39. Hunt, John Charles, Esq.	Sherbrooke.
40. James, Augustus George Frederic, Esq.	Goulburn.
41. Jones, George Alfred, Esq.	The Gwydir.
42. Jones, Robert, Esq.	Mudgee.
43. Kelly, Andrew Joseph, Esq.	The Lachlan.
44. Latimer, William Fleming, Esq.	Woollahra.
45. Lee, The Hon. Charles Alfred	Tenterfield.
46. Levien, Robert Henry, Esq.	Tamworth.
47. Levy, Daniel, Esq.	Darlinghurst.
48. Lonsdale, Edmund, Esq.	Armidale.
49. Lynch, John Patrick, Esq.	Ashburnham.

* Temporary Chairman of Committees.

50. MacDonell, Donald, Esq.	...	...	...	...	Cobar.
51. Mahony, William Henry, Esq.	...	...	...	...	Annandale.
52. McCourt, The Hon. William, <i>Speaker</i>	...	...	...	...	Wollondilly.
53. McCoy, Richard Watson Walker, Esq.	...	...	...	...	Marrickville.
54. McFarlane, John, Esq.	...	...	...	...	The Clarence.
55. McGarry, Patrick, Esq.	...	...	...	...	The Murrumbidgee.
56. McGowen, James Sinclair Taylor, Esq.	...	...	...	...	Redfern.
57. McLaurin, Gordon Ranald, Esq.	...	...	...	...	Albury.
58. McNeill, John, Esq.	...	...	...	...	Pymont.
59. Meagher, Richard Denis, Esq.*	...	...	...	...	Phillip.
60. Meehan, John Charles, Esq.	...	...	...	...	The Darling.
61. Mercer, James Ballantine, Esq.	...	...	...	...	Rozelle.
62. Millard, William, Esq.	...	...	...	...	The Clyde.
63. Miller, Gustave Thomas Carlisle, Esq.	...	...	...	...	Monaro.
64. Miller, John, Esq.	...	...	...	...	Bathurst.
65. Moore, The Hon. Samuel Wilkinson...	...	...	...	...	Bingara.
66. Morton, Mark Fairles, Esq.	...	...	...	...	Allowrie.
67. Moxham, Thomas Robert, Esq.	...	...	...	...	Parramatta.
68. Nicholson, John Barnes, Esq.	...	...	...	...	Wollongong.
69. Nielsen, Niels Rasmus Wilson, Esq.*	...	...	...	...	Yass.
70. Nobbs, John, Esq.	...	...	...	...	Granville.
71. Norton, John, Esq.	...	...	...	...	Darling Harbour.
72. Oakes, The Hon. Charles William	...	...	...	...	Paddington.
73. Onslow, Colonel James William Macarthur...	...	...	...	...	Waverley.
74. O'Sullivan, The Hon. Edward William	...	...	...	...	Belmore.
75. Page, Frederick Joseph, Esq....	...	...	...	...	Botany.
76. Parkes, Varney, Esq.	...	...	...	...	Canterbury.
77. Perry, The Hon. John	...	...	...	...	The Richmond.
78. Peters, Henry John Frederick, Esq.	...	...	...	...	Deniliquin.
79. Price, Richard Atkinson, Esq.	...	...	...	...	Gloucester.
80. Robson, William Elliott Veitch, Esq.	...	...	...	...	Ashfield.
81. Ryrie, Colonel Granville de Laune	...	...	...	...	Queanbeyan.
82. Scobie, Robert, Esq.*	...	...	...	...	The Murray.
83. Storey, David, Esq.	...	...	...	...	Randwick.
84. Storey, John, Esq.	...	...	...	...	Balmain.
85. Stuart Robertson, Robert James, Esq.	...	...	...	...	Camperdown.
86. Thomas, Follet Johns, Esq.	...	...	...	...	Gough.
87. Trefle, John Louis, Esq.	...	...	...	...	The Castlereagh.
88. Waddell, The Hon. Thomas	...	...	...	...	Belubula.
89. Wade, The Hon. Charles Gregory, K.C.	Gordon.
90. Wood, The Hon. William Herbert	Bega.

* Temporary Chairman of Committees.

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TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT—SECOND SESSION.

IMPROVEMENT LEASES CANCELLATION (DECLARATORY) ACT (8 ED. VII, No. 4)—

An Act to explain the operation of the Improvement Leases Cancellation Act, 1906; to remove doubt as to the validity of a certain certificate and all acts, things, and proceedings done and held under the said Act; and for other purposes. [Initiated in the Assembly by Mr. Wade, 13 March, 1908. Assented to, 28 April, 1908.]

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES ACT (8 ED. VII, No. 3)—

An Act to provide for the constitution of boards to determine the conditions of employment in industries; to define the powers, jurisdiction, and procedure of such boards, and to give effect to their awards and appoint a court; to prohibit lock-outs and strikes, and to regulate employment in industries; to preserve certain awards, orders, directions, and industrial agreements; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto. [Initiated in the Assembly by Mr. Wade, 13 March, 1908. Assented to, 24 April, 1908.]

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[Initiated in the Council by the Hon. J. Hughes, 10 March, 1908; in the Assembly by Mr. Wade, 10 March, 1908.]

LEASE CONVERSION AND LAW (AMENDMENT) BILL—

[Initiated in the Assembly by Mr. Clark, 19 March, 1908; stopped by prorogation.]

NURSES AND PRIVATE HOSPITALS BILL—

[Initiated in the Council by the Hon. Dr. Mackellar, 18 March, 1908; stopped by prorogation.]

SERVANTS REGISTRY BILL—

[Initiated in the Assembly by Mr. Clark, 19 March, 1908; stopped by prorogation.]

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[Initiated by the Hon. W. T. Dick, 18 March, 1908; stopped by prorogation.]

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	Attendance in the House.	Attendance in Divisions in the House.	Attendance in Divisions in Committee of the Whole.
Ashton, The Honorable James	12	2	11
Black, The Honorable Reginald James	9	2	8
Brown, The Honorable Alexander ¹ ... ..	...	...	...
Brunker, The Honorable James Nixon ² ... ..	...	...	...
Buzacott, The Honorable Nicholas James	12	2	11
Charles, The Honorable Samuel	8	1	9
Creed, The Honorable John Mildred, M.R.C.S.,	10	1	3
Cullen, The Honorable William Portus, K.C., LL.D....	9	1	8
Dangar, The Honorable Henry Carey	8	2	9
Dick, The Honorable William Thomas	7	1	1
Earp, The Honorable George Frederick ³... ..	...	...	...
Fitzgerald, The Honorable Robert George Dundas	4	...	...
Flowers, The Honorable Frederick	12	2	11
Fosbery, The Honorable Edmund Walcott, C.M.G.	12	2	11
Gannon, The Honorable James Conley	1	...	...
Gormly, The Honorable James	5	1	...
Greene, The Honorable George Henry	2	...	3
Hawken, The Honorable Nicholas ⁴	1	...	...
Hayes, The Honorable James	10	2	...
Hepher, The Honorable John	8	1	6
Heydon, The Honorable Louis Francis	1	...	...
Hill, The Honorable William Charles	1	...	...
Holborow, The Honorable Colonel William Hillier, C.M.G.	12	1	8
Hughes, The Honorable John	12	2	11
Humphery, The Honorable Frederick Thomas ⁵	11	1	4
Hurley, The Honorable William Fergus	11	2	6
Jones, The Honorable Richard	1	...	...
Kater, The Honorable Henry Edward	12	2	11
Kethel, The Honorable Alexander	2	1	...
Lee, The Honorable George	3	1	...
Long, The Honorable William Alexander ⁶ ... ..	...	..	..
Macintosh, The Honorable John	12	2	8
Mackay, The Honorable Colonel James Alexander Kenneth, C.B.	11	2	10
Mackellar, The Honorable Charles Kinnaird, M.B., C.M.	11	2	8
MacLaurin, The Honorable Sir Henry Normand, Kt., M.D., LL.D.	12	2	10
McCaughy, The Honorable Sir Samuel, Kt.	3	1	...

¹ Granted leave of absence to end of session, 9th March, 1908.

² Granted leave of absence by the Governor for six months from 1 December, 1907.

³ Granted leave of absence by the Governor for twelve months from 25 February, 1908.

⁴ Granted leave of absence to end of session, 11 March, 1908.

⁵ Decease reported, 10 April, 1908.

⁶ Granted leave of absence for twelve months from 26 September, 1907.

	Attendance in the House.	Attendance in Divisions in the House.	Attendance Divisions in Committee of the Whole.
Meagher, The Honorable John	3	...	...
Meeks, The Honorable Alfred William	12	2	9
Moses, The Honorable Henry	5	1	...
Nash, The Hon. John Brady, M.D.	9	1	11
Pilcher, The Honorable Charles Edward, K.C.	8	1	10
Renwick, The Hon. Sir Arthur, Kt., M.D., F.R.C.S.	7	1	...
Roberts, The Honorable Charles James, C.M.G.	12	1	4
Robson, The Honorable William	10	2	9
Ross, The Honorable Alexander	11	1	8
Ryrie, The Honorable Alexander	2	...	...
Smith, The Honorable Fergus Jago ¹	1	...	...
Stuart, The Honorable Henry	3	...	2
Suttor, The Honorable Sir Francis Bathurst, Kt., <i>President</i>	12	...	1
Trickett, The Honorable William Joseph, <i>Chairman of Committees</i>	12	2	...
Walker, The Honorable William ² ... ..	...	...	...
Wilson, The Honorable James	6	2	11
Winchcombe, The Honorable Frederick Earle	5	1	...

¹ Granted leave of absence by the Governor for twelve months from 22 April, 1908.

² Granted leave of absence for six months from 25 October, 1907.

<i>Number of Days upon which the Council met</i>	12
<i>Number of Divisions in the House</i>	2
<i>Number of Divisions in Committee of the Whole</i>	11
<i>Number of occasions upon which the House was counted out—</i>	
<i>Before Commencement of Business</i>	0
<i>After Commencement of Business</i>	0

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TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT—SECOND SESSION.

	Divisions in the House.	Divisions in Committee.	Total.
Arthur, Richard, Esq., M.D.	9	34	43
Ball, Richard Thomas, Esq.	5	29	34
Barton, Charles Hampden, Esq.	12	32	44
Beeby, George Stephenson, Esq.	6	31	37
Briner, George Stuart, Esq. ... ..	...	...	...
Broughton, Ernest Clement Vernon, Esq.	9	18	27
Brown, William, Esq.	3	24	27
Burgess, George Arthur, Esq.	12	29	41
Cann, John Henry, Esq.	12	27	39
Carmichael, Ambrose Campbell, Esq.	11	32	43
Carruthers, The Hon. Joseph Hector ... ..	...	...	...
Charlton, Matthew, junior, Esq.	11	35	46
Clark, Edward Mann, Esq.	6	22	28
Cohen, John Jacob, Esq., <i>Chairman of Committees</i>	8	...	8
Collins, Albert Ernest, Esq.	11	34	45
Dacey, John Rowland, Esq.	9	32	41
Davidson, Robert, Esq.	10	35	45
Donaldson, Robert Thomas, Esq.	4	21	25
Dooley, James, Esq.	8	35	43
Downes, Frederick William Arthur, Esq.	11	33	44
Edden, Alfred, Esq.	12	18	30
Estell, John, Esq.	13	35	48
Fallick, James, Esq.	10	34	44
Fell, David, Esq.	7	31	38
Fitzpatrick, John Charles Lucas, Esq.*	3	29	32
Fleming, William Montgomerie, Esq.	6	23	29
Gilbert, Owen, Esq.*	9	19	28
Gillies, John, Esq.	2	...	2
Graham, Sir James, Kt., M.D.	12	17	29
Grahame, William Calman, Esq.	13	35	48
Griffith, Arthur Hill, Esq.	10	34	44
Hall, Brinsley, Esq.	12	35	47
Henley, Thomas, Esq.	8	1	9
Hindmarsh, George Thomas, Esq.	13	35	48
Hogue, The Hon. James Alexander	5	34	39
Hollis, Robert, Esq.	12	35	47
Holman, William Arthur, Esq.	8	11	19
Horne, Henry Edwin, Esq.	7	3	10
Hunt, John Charles, Esq.	10	34	44
James, Augustus George Frederic, Esq.	10	33	43
Jones, George Alfred, Esq.	13	24	37
Jones, Robert, Esq.	13	27	40
Kelly, Andrew Joseph, Esq.	6	24	30
Latimer, William Fleming, Esq.	8	35	43

* Temporary Chairman of Comm'ttees.

	Divisions in the House.	Divisions in Committee.	Total.
Lee, The Hon. Charles Alfred	12	35	47
Levien, Robert Henry, Esq.	7	...	7
Levy, Daniel, Esq.	11	32	43
Lonsdale, Edmund, Esq.	2	23	25
Lynch, John Patrick, Esq.	12	32	44
MacDonell, Donald, Esq.	4	30	34
Mahony, William Henry, Esq.	11	34	45
McCourt, The Hon. William, <i>Speaker</i> ... ..	...	...	...
McCoy, Richard Watson Walker, Esq.	9	34	43
McFarlane, John, Esq.	12	10	22
McGarry, Patrick, Esq.	7	24	31
McGowen, James Sinclair Taylor, Esq.	12	34	46
McLaurin, Gordon Ranald, Esq.	4	13	17
McNeill, John, Esq.	3	26	29
Meagher, Richard Denis, Esq.*	5	14	19
Meehan, John Charles, Esq.	5	27	32
Mercer, James Ballantine, Esq.	13	35	48
Millard, William, Esq.	12	35	47
Miller, Gustave Thomas Carlisle, Esq.	5	24	29
Miller, John, Esq.	13	12	25
Moore, The Hon. Samuel Wilkinson	13	35	48
Morton, Mark Fairles, Esq.	2	15	17
Moxham, Thomas Robert, Esq.	9	34	43
Nicholson, John Barnes, Esq.	12	23	35
Nielsen, Niels Rasmus Wilson, Esq.* ... ..	...	...	...
Nobbs, John, Esq.	13	35	48
Norton, John, Esq. ... ..	...	...	...
Oakes, The Hon. Charles William	8	35	43
Onslow, Colonel James William Macarthur	13	35	48
O'Sullivan, The Hon. Edward William	9	13	22
Page, Frederick Joseph, Esq.	12	34	46
Parke, Varney, Esq.	13	28	41
Perry, The Hon. John	12	35	47
Peters, Henry John Frederick, Esq.	13	35	48
Price, Richard Atkinson, Esq.	9	5	14
Robson, William Elliott Veitch, Esq.	7	20	27
Ryrie, Colonel Granville de Laune	13	23	36
Scobie, Robert, Esq.*	9	32	41
Storey, David, Esq.	2	11	13
Storey, John, Esq.	12	33	45
Stuart-Robertson, Robert James, Esq.	13	35	48
Thomas, Follet Johns, Esq.	9	25	34
Trefle, John Louis, Esq.	13	35	48
Waddell, The Hon. Thomas	13	35	48
Wade, The Hon. Charles Gregory, K.C.	13	35	48
Wood, The Hon. William Herbert	13	35	48

* Temporary Chairman of Committees.

<i>Number of Days upon which the Assembly met</i>	15
<i>Number of Divisions in the House</i>	13
<i>Number of Divisions in Committee</i>	35

Adjourned for want of a Quorum—

<i>Before Commencement of Business</i>	0
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10 March to 11 April, 1908.

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Explanation of Abbreviations:— *adj.*, Motion of Adjournment; *ad. rep.*, Adoption of Report; *Com.*, Committee; *cons. amtds.*, Consideration of Amendments; *dis.*, Order of the Day Discharged; *expl.*, Explanation; *int.*, Introduction; *mes.*, Message; *m.*, Motion; *obs.*, Observations; *p.o.*, Point of Order; *q.*, Question; *1R.*, *2R.*, *3R.*, First, Second, or Third Reading; *recom.*, Recommended; *recons. amtds.*, Reconsideration of Amendments.

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