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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 79.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 15TH OCTOBER, 1901.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented by Sir George Turner, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

HOPETOUN,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 24.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of Nine hundred and twenty-eight thousand three hundred and twenty-two pounds to the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and two,*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
Melbourne, 12th October, 1901.

3. WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL AND TARIFF PROPOSALS.—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to notice—
 - (1) That this House cannot accept the Financial and Tariff proposals submitted by the Government—
 - (a) Because they would place the finances of the Commonwealth and the States upon an unsound and extravagant basis.
 - (b) Because they fail to adjust the burdens of taxation and the advantages of the free list in an equitable manner, revealing a marked tendency, which this House regrets to observe, to press upon necessaries of life and appliances used in our farming, mining, and pastoral industries more heavily than they do upon many articles of luxury.
 - (c) And because they would in their operation destroy the stability of the Revenue by making imposts for national purposes a source of undue profit to a few individuals, and a few favoured industries, at the expense of the whole community.
 - (2) That the foregoing resolutions be conveyed, by Address, to His Excellency the Governor-General.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Sydney Smith moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

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

And then the House, at thirty-one minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Messrs. Joseph Cook, F. E. McLean, Piesse, Bruce Smith, and Spence.

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