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No. 40.

VOTES AND **PROCEEDINGS**

OF THE

REPRESENTATIVES. HOUSE OF

FRIDAY, 22ND SEPTEMBER, 1905.

- 1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2. COMMERCE BILL (No. 2).—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. Deputy-Speaker took the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same with amendments.
 - Ordered—That the consideration of the Report be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
- 3. Message from the Senate.—Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Bill 1905-6.—Mr. Deputy-Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :-

Message No. 10.

The Senate has agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "A Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and six for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, " with the amendments indicated in the annexed Schedule, in which amendments the Senate desires the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

R. C. BAKER, President.

The Senate.

Melbourne, 22nd September, 1905.

Ordered-That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration forthwith in Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole. Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had agreed to

the amendments, which are as follow:-

No. 1.—Page 1, clause 2, line 11, leave out "eighteen," insert "sixteen."

No. 2.—Page 18, division No. 6, subdivision No. 1, leave out item No. 11, "Mounting 8-inch breech-loading guns on Cerberus, £2,000"; and make consequential alterations in Totals.

On the motion of Mr. Deakin, the House adopted the Report.

- 4. Representation Bill.—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. Groom moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clauses 3, 4, and 10.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

- Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
- Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had reconsidered the clauses referred to it and had agreed to the same with further amendments.
- Mr. Groom moved, by leave, That the Reports from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the third reading be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

22nd September, 1905.

 Papers.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General— Immigration.—Copy of Report of the Acting Agent-General for New South Wales (Mr. T. A. Coghlan).

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament-

Public Service Act 1902.—Temporary Employés.—Return showing the names of all persons temporarily employed in the Public Service during the year 1904-5, their periods of employment, and the remuneration paid to them.

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 twenty-one minutes to five o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present except—Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Culpin, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Frazer, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Kingston, Mr. McColl, Mr. Page, Sir John Quick*, Mr. Reid, Mr. Skene, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Spence, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Sir George Turner, Mr. Watson, Mr. Willis, and Mr. Wilson.

*On leave.

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