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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 60.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 31ST OCTOBER, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
British New Guinea.—Report by Mr. Atlee Hunt, Secretary, Department of External Affairs.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
Mr. Chapman presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
Public Service Act 1902.—Promotion of Mr. W. D. H. Claxton to be Accountant, Postmaster-General's Department, Adelaide.—Recommendations, &c., and Approval.
The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
Royal Commissions and Select Committees—Cost of.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 29th August, 1905.
3. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
4. LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANIES BILL—GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S AMENDMENTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration in Committee of the whole House of the amendments recommended by His Excellency the Governor-General in his Message No. 16 in this Bill, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee
5. PAPER.—Mr. Groom presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Public Service Act 1902.—Classification Scheme.—Report of the Public Service Commissioner on the several matters referred to in debates in Parliament.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
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 a quarter to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Cameron, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Frazer, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lonsdale, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McColl, Mr. McLean, Mr. Phillips, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Spence, Sir George Turner*, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Wilks, Mr. Willis, and Mr. Wilson.

* On leave.

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