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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 58.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 18TH SEPTEMBER, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. Deakin presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—  
Pacific Island Labourers Act 1901—Provisional Regulations—Proceedings for obtaining  
Order for Deportation—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 71.  
Sir William Lyne presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—  
Distillation Act 1901—Regulations Amended—Nos. 48, 69, 70—Statutory Rules 1906,  
No. 54.  
Customs Act 1901—Regulations Amended—  
No. 151A—Vessels trading within limits of a State—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 55.  
No. 103 (d)—Re-importation of goods—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 56.  
No. 101—Solcof Coffee—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 57.  
No. 17 (d)—Overtime Rates—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 68.
3. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (SPECIAL DUTIES) BILL.—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. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the  
Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.  
On the motion of Mr. Deakin, the House adopted the Report.  
Ordered—That the third reading be made an Order of the Day for Thursday next.
4. PAPERS.—Sir John Forrest presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General :—  
State Public Debts—Table prepared by the Treasurer, showing probable saving under Com-  
monwealth as compared with State Control.  
Ordered, after debate, to lie on the Table and to be printed.  
Mr. Ewing presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General :—  
Defence Department—Report giving the history of the Department, from the date of its  
transfer to the Commonwealth to the 30th June, 1906.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.  
Mr. Ewing presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament :—  
Defence Acts 1903–1904—Provisional Regulations—  
Military Regulations—Financial and Allowance Regulations—  
Paras. 42 and 61 amended—Barrack Damages; Telegraph Linesmen—Statutory  
Rules 1906, No. 73.  
Para. 98 amended—Repairs to Saddlery—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 75.  
Military Regulations—  
Para. 281, line 1, amended—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 74.  
Para. 164—Addition to—Appointment of Military Staff Clerks—Statutory Rules  
1906, No. 76.
5. LIFE ASSURANCE (FOREIGN COMPANIES) BILL.—Mr. Groom, pursuant to leave given on 15th June  
last, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Foreign Companies carrying on the  
business of Life Assurance in Australia.*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.  
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

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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-seven minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except— Mr. J. Brown, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Fuller, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Kingston \*, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. McCay, Mr. McColl, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Spence, Mr. David Thomson, and Mr. Willis.

\* On leave.

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C. GAVAN DUFFY,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*