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 THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 15.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 9TH OCTOBER, 1908.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Bowden rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The unsatisfactory condition of the telephone service, connexions, and extensions.
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—
Mr. Bowden moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 119, and the Orders of the Day were called on.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 1 be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 2.
4. DEFENCE BILL (1908).—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—and on the amendment moved thereto by Mr. W. H. Irvine, viz.:—That all the words after the word "That" be omitted from the motion, with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof:—"in the opinion of this House, the defence of Australia depending primarily upon control of the sea, it would be unwise to commit the country to any scheme of compulsory universal military service until Parliament is in a position to determine the naval policy of the Commonwealth"—
Debate resumed by Mr. Crouch, who, not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at half-past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Chapman, Mr. W. H. Irvine, Mr. Livingston, and Mr. Wilson.

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