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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 13.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 6TH JULY, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1909–10.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—  

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No. 3.*

*The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and ten," to which it has agreed without requests.*

The Senate, A. J. GOULD,  
Melbourne, 2nd July, 1909. President.
3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—  

DUDLEY,  
*Governor-General.* *Message No. 2.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and ten,*" 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 and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

4th July, 1909.
4. PETITION.—Mr. Bamford presented a Petition from certain electors of the Commonwealth praying that the Parliament will cause a Referendum to be taken on the question of amending the Constitution so as to provide for the abolition of the State Governments and Parliaments, the transfer of their property and powers to the Commonwealth, and the establishment of new State Governments by the Parliament of the Commonwealth, with such powers and functions as that Parliament may confer upon them.  

Petition received.
5. PAPERS.—Mr. Joseph Cook presented, pursuant to Statute—  

Defence Acts—Military Forces—Regulations No. 60A Added and No. 106 Amended (Provisional)—  
Statutory Rules 1909, No. 66.

Sir John Quick presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Post and Telegraph Act—General Postal Regulations Amended—Commonwealth Electoral Papers,  
No. 3—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 70.

Mr. Fuller presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Census and Statistics Act—Official Bulletins—  
Trade, Shipping, Oversea Migration, and Finance—No. 28, April, 1909.  
Population and Vital Statistics, No. 13—Commonwealth Demography, 1908, and previous  
years.

Ordered to be printed.

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6. WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Fisher :—That the Government does not possess the confidence of this House—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Atkinson 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.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bowden, Mr. Chapman\*, Colonel Foxton\*, Mr. Knox, Mr. Liddell, Mr. Livingston, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Mauger, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Storrer, Mr. Watson\*, Mr. Willis, and Mr. Wilson.

\* On leave

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