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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 51.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 21ST SEPTEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. 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. 15.*

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.

17th September, 1909.

3. PAPER.—Mr. Fuller presented, pursuant to Statute—
Public Service Act—Fifth Report on the Commonwealth Public Service by the Commissioner.
Ordered to be printed.
4. DEFENCE BILL (1909).—Mr. Joseph Cook, pursuant to leave given on 4th ultimo, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Naval and Military Defence,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. Deakin moved, That the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the second reading of the Bill to be taken this day.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Deakin moved—That the question be now put.
Question—That the question be now put—put.
The House divided—

Ayes, 38.

Noes, 26.

Mr. Archer	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Batchelor	Mr. McDougall
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Knox	Mr. Thomas Brown	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Tilley Brown	Mr. Liddell	Mr. Carr	Mr. Page
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Livingston	Mr. Catts	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Coon	Mr. Mauger	Mr. Chanter	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Crouch	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Fisher	Mr. Spence
Mr. Deakin	Mr. Palmer	Mr. Frazer	Mr. Storrer
Mr. Edwards	Sir John Quick	Mr. Hall	Mr. Thomas
Sir Thomas Ewing	Mr. Sampson	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Webster
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Sinclair	Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Wise
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Bruce Smith	Sir William Lyne	
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Dugald Thomson	Mr. Mahon	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Fowler	Mr. John Thomson	Mr. Maloney	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Wilks	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Wilson		
Mr. Groom	Mr. Wynne		
Mr. Harper			
Mr. Hedges	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Mr. Hans Irvine	Mr. Bowden		
Mr. W. H. Irvine	Mr. Hume Cook		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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A Point of Order having been raised, and Mr. Speaker having ruled that the motion of the Prime Minister for the suspension of the Standing Orders was a motion within the meaning of Standing Orders 407 and 409, Mr. Hughes took objection, in writing, to the ruling, and motion being made to dissent from the ruling—the debate thereon was forthwith adjourned to the next sitting day.

And the question being accordingly put—That the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the second reading of the Bill to be taken this day—

The House divided—

Ayes, 39.

Mr. Archer	Mr. Knox
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Liddell
Mr. Tilley Brown	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Mauger
Mr. Coon	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Deakin	Sir John Quick
Mr. Edwards	Mr. Sampson
Sir Thomas Ewing	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Bruce Smith
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Storrer
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Dugald Thomson
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Mr. Fuller	Mr. Wilks
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Groom	Mr. Wynne
Mr. Harper	
Mr. Hedges	
Mr. Hans Irvine	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. W. H. Irvine	Mr. Bowden
Mr. Kelly	Mr. Hume Cook

Noes, 16.

Mr. Thomas Brown	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Catts	Mr. McDougall
Mr. Fisher	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Hall	Mr. Spence
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Webster
Mr. Hutchison	
Mr. Mahon	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Maloney	Mr. Frazer
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Tudor

And so it was resolved in the affirmative by an absolute majority of the whole number of the Members of the House.

Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Fisher 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.

5. HIGH COMMISSIONER BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the third reading of this Bill—Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

6. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (FINANCE) BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Deakin:—That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution relating to Finance.

Debate resumed.

Mr. McDonald 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. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Chapman*, Mr. Frank J. Foster, Colonel Foxton, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Reid, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Watson, and Mr. Willis.

* On leave.

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