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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 60.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH OCTOBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. Fuller presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Federal Capital—Proposed Site at Yass-Canberra—Further Papers respecting the selection of the Territory and proposed site for the City (dated 17th August to 30th September, 1909).
Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.
Mr. Joseph Cook presented, pursuant to Statute—
Defence Acts—Military Forces—Regulation Amended (Provisional)—No. 540—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 110.
3. 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.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Deakin then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution relating to Finance*," 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.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—ELECTORAL BILL (1909) (No. 2).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—
MR. SPEAKER, *Message No. 17.*
The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Parliamentary Elections*," and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.
A. J. GOULD,
President.
The Senate,
Melbourne, 6th October, 1909.
5. ELECTORAL BILL (1909) (No. 2).—Mr. Deakin moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the Law relating to Parliamentary Elections*," 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. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (STATE DEBTS) BILL.—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—
Debate resumed.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
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 Tuesday next.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 3, Government Business, be postponed until Tuesday next, and Nos. 4 and 5 until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 6.
8. MARINE INSURANCE 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 with amendments.
On the motion of Mr. Deakin the House ordered that the Bill be allowed to pass through its remaining stages this day.
On the motion of Mr. Deakin the House adopted the Report.
Mr. Deakin moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.
9. NORTHERN TERRITORY ACCEPTANCE BILL.—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—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Webster 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.
10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.
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.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Tilley Brown, Mr. Chapman*, Mr. Edwards, Colonel Foxton, Mr. Reid, Mr. Storrer, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Watson, Mr. Willis, and Mr. Wynne.

* On leave.

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