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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 63.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 12TH OCTOBER, 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. 16.*

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.

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3. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (FINANCE) BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Deakin moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
 Debate ensued.  
 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 made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.  
 Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
4. TELEGRAPH [EMERGENCY] 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—  
 Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—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 with amendments.  
 Ordered—That the consideration of the Report be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
5. POST AND TELEGRAPH [RECORDING MACHINES] BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Sir John Quick moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Mr. Willis 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.
6. PAPERS.—Mr. Fuller presented, pursuant to Statute—  
 Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at Weston, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.  
 Public Service Act—Home Affairs Department—Public Works Branch, Central Staff—Appointment of Major A. J. Pinchen as Assistant Military Engineer.  
 The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—  
 Public Servants receiving less than £110 per annum—Additional Return to an Order of the House dated 31st August, 1909.

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at seven 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. Atkinson, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Catts, Mr. Chapman\*, Mr. Edwards, Sir Thomas Ewing, Colonel Foxton\*, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Page, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Storrer, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Watson\*.

\* On leave.

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