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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 69.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

THURSDAY, 21ST OCTOBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITIONS.—Mr. Hall presented a Petition from M. Courtenay Smith, styling herself President, and others, of the Annual Convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of New South Wales, praying that the House will amend the Defence Bill so as to make military training optional instead of compulsory.
Mr. Archer presented a Petition from certain sugar cane-growers of Australia, alleging that the benefits of the protective duty of £6 per ton on sugar are not being equitably distributed among the various parties interested in the industry; and praying that a Royal Commission may be appointed or other means adopted to ascertain the facts of the position of the cane-growers, and that relief may be granted from their present disabilities.
Petitions severally received and read.
3. PAPER.—Mr. Joseph Cook presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Military Forces—Cadet Corps—Report of the Director-General for year ending 30th June, 1909.
Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—TELEGRAPH [EMERGENCY] BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—
MR. SPEAKER, *Message No. 21.*
The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to Telegraphic Communication in Time of Emergency,*" to which it has agreed without amendment.
A. J. GOULD,
President.
The Senate,
Melbourne, 21st October, 1909.
5. DEFENCE BILL (1909).—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 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.
6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at nineteen minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bowden, Mr. Chapman*, Mr. Edwards, Colonel Foxton*, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Livingston, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McWilliams, and Mr. Watson*.

* On leave.

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