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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 28TH OCTOBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER.—Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to Statute—
Papua—Ordinance of 1909—Gold-field Reward.
3. SUPPLY [“GRIEVANCE DAY”].—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—
Question proposed—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SEAT OF GOVERNMENT ACCEPTANCE BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

<p>MR. SPEAKER,</p> <p>The Senate has passed a Bill for “<i>An Act relating to the Acceptance of the Territory surrendered by the State of New South Wales for the Seat of Government of the Commonwealth,</i>” and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.</p>	<p><i>Message No. 22.</i></p> <p>A. J. GOULD, President.</p>
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The Senate,
Melbourne, 28th October, 1909.
5. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT ACCEPTANCE BILL.—Mr. Fuller moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled “*A Bill for an Act relating to the Acceptance of the Territory surrendered by the State of New South Wales for the Seat of Government of the Commonwealth,*” 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.
6. DEFENCE BILL (1909).—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Reports from the Committee of the whole House on this Bill—Sir John Forrest moved, That the Reports be now adopted.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Sir John Forrest moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.
7. ELECTORAL BILL (1909, No. 2).—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. Catts 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.

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8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at four minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., 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. Batchelor, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Tilley Brown, Mr. Chapman*, Mr. Fowler, Colonel Foxton*, Mr. Knox, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Watson*.

* On leave.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*¹