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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—PUBLIC SERVICE [COMMISSIONER'S SALARY, ETC.] 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. 18.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act relating to the salary of the Public Service Commissioner, Long Service Increments in the Fifth Class of the Clerical Division, and the Employment of Telegraph Messengers.

Melbourne, 10th November, 1909.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—WITNESS BEFORE SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 25.

The Senate requests that the House of Representatives will give leave to the Hon. Hugh Mahon, a Member of such House, to attend if he think fit, and be examined as a witness before the Select Committee of the Senate on "Press Cable Service."

A. J. GOULD,
President.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 11th November, 1909.

Mr. Deakin moved, That the House authorizes Mr. Mahon to attend accordingly if he thinks fit.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (FINANCE) BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole House on this Bill—Mr. Deakin moved, That the Report be now adopted.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the third reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

5. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (STATE DEBTS) BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the third reading of this Bill—Mr. Deakin moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Sir John Quick 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 a later hour this day.

6. 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.

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.

7. 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. 19.

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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8. 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 third time—
Question—put.

And no Members voting with the "Noes," and the following Members voting with the "Ayes" :—

Ayes, 51.

Mr. Archer	Mr. Frazer	Sir John Quick
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Fuller	Sir George Reid
Mr. Bowden	Sir Philip Fysh	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Thomas Brown	Mr. Glynn	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Carr	Mr. Groom	Mr. Spence
Mr. Catts	Mr. Hedges	Mr. Storrer
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Hans Irvine	Mr. Dugald Thomson
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Kelly	Mr. John Thomson
Mr. Coon	Mr. Liddell	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Deakin	Mr. Livingston	Mr. Watkins
Sir Thomas Ewing	Mr. Mahon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Wise
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Mauger	Mr. Wynne
Sir John Forrest	Mr. McDonald	
Mr. Frank J. Foster	Mr. McDougall	
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. McWilliams	
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Palmer	
Colonel Foxton	Mr. Poynton	

Tellers.

Mr. Hume Cook
Mr. Hutchison

—the question—That the Bill be now read a third time—was resolved in the affirmative by an absolute majority of the House.
Bill accordingly read a third time.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at ten minutes past ten 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. Chapman*, Mr. Knox, and Mr. Watson.

* On leave.

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