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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 85.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 18TH NOVEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND BUILDINGS, 1907-8.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :—

DUDLEY,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 21.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and eight, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

18th November, 1909.

DUDLEY,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 22.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and eight, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

18th November, 1909.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, to be printed and referred to the Committee of Supply.

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. ELECTORAL BILL (1909) (No. 2).—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.

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

And then the House, at a quarter past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Archer, Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Batchelor, Mr. Chapman, Sir Thomas Ewing, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Hughes, Mr. W. H. Irvine, Sir William Lyne, Sir George Reid, Mr. Spence, Mr. Watson, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Wilson.

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