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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 25.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 16TH AUGUST, 1910.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MESSAGE FROM 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. 13.*

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 eleven,*" 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.

Government House,
13th August, 1910.

3. PETITIONS.—Sir John Quick presented a Petition from Telephone Subscribers at Bendigo, praying that the House will see fit to suspend the operation of Telephone Regulation 7A, which places all telephones, except proprietary lines, on the Toll system from 1st September next, until the whole matter of the condition of the telephone service has been further considered, and particularly until the recommendations of the Postal Commission on the subject have been placed before Parliament.

Petition received and read.

Similar Petitions were presented from Telephone Subscribers as under—

- By Mr. Deakin—From Ballarat.
- By Mr. Fairbairn—From the Metropolitan District and elsewhere.
- By Mr. Parker J. Moloney—From—
 - Beechworth.
 - Benalla.
 - Dookie.
 - Wangaratta.
- By Mr. Ozanne—From Geelong.
- By Mr. Palmer—From Shepparton.
- By Mr. Scullin—From—
 - Camperdown.
 - Colac.
 - Warrnambool.
- By Mr. Wise—From—
 - Bairnsdale.
 - Maffra.
 - Orbost.
 - Sale.

Petitions severally received.

16th August, 1910.

4. PAPERS.—Mr. Tudor presented, pursuant to Statute—

Excise Act—Tobacco Regulation Amended (Provisional) No. 1—Statutory Rules 1910, No. 71.
Seamen's Compensation Act—Provisional Regulations—Statutory Rules 1910, No. 70.

Mr. Frazer presented, pursuant to Statute—

Defence Act—Military Forces—

Regulations Amended (Provisional)—

No. 71—Statutory Rules 1910, No. 68.

No. 14—Statutory Rules 1910, No. 69.

Financial and Allowance Regulations Amended (Provisional)—No. 98—Statutory Rules 1910, No. 67.

5. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Fisher moved, pursuant to notice, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until half-past ten o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

Question—put and passed.

6. LAND TAX ASSESSMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—

Mr. Fisher moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Deakin moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow week.

7. AUSTRALIAN NOTES 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—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Atkinson moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-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. Chapman, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Finlayson, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Hall, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Mahon, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Riley, and Mr. Watkins.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.