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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 39.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 8TH SEPTEMBER, 1910.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITIONS.—Mr. Glynn presented a Petition from 456 Taxpayers in South Australia praying that the House will reject the Land Tax Assessment Bill.

Petition received and read.

Mr. W. Maloney presented a Petition from Herbert Clarke, of Little Flinders-street, Melbourne, in reference to the purchase of land from him by the Commonwealth Government, and praying that the House would take steps to recompense him for the loss to which he was compelled to submit, viz., £500, this sum being the difference between the sum paid, £1,500, and that of £2,000, the price at which the *purchase* was made.

Petition received.

3. MEMBERS' ALLOWANCE—REFERENDUM *RE* AMOUNT.—Mr. G. B. Edwards moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the electors of the Commonwealth should be consulted by referendum to fix the amount of allowance to be paid to Members of the Senate and House of Representatives, and that such referendum should provide for a vote to be taken by a system of preferential or contingent voting on the amounts £400, or £500, or £600, or £700, or £800 per annum.

Mr. G. B. Edwards not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 29th September.

4. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES OF MOTION.—Ordered—That Notice of Motion No. 2 be postponed until Thursday, 6th October next, and Notice of Motion No. 3 until Thursday, 22nd September.
5. INTOXICATING LIQUORS—SALE, AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE, OF.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Finlayson :—That, in the opinion of this House, the sale of intoxicating liquors should be prohibited within the precincts of this House—

Mr. Finlayson moved, That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 22nd September.

Point of Order.—Mr. Speaker having ruled that the motion could not be debated—Sir William Lyne took objection to the ruling, and motion being made to dissent from the ruling—the debate thereon was forthwith adjourned to the next sitting day.

The time for precedence to General Business having expired, Government Business was called on.

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6. APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1910-11.—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 passed.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 agreed to.
Clause 2, debated, and agreed to.
Clause 3 agreed to.
Schedule agreed to.
Preamble agreed to.
Title agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Hughes, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—AUSTRALIAN NOTES BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 16.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to Australian Notes*", to which it has agreed without amendment.

H. TURLEY,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 8th September, 1910.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eleven 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—Sir Robert Best, Mr. Cann, Mr. Chapinan, Mr. McDougall, Mr. Ozanne, and Mr. Roberts.

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