

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 41.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER, 1910.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITION.—Mr. Glynn presented a Petition from about 240 Taxpayers in South Australia praying that the House will reject the Land Tax Assessment Bill.
Petition received.
3. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (UNIFICATION) BILL.—Mr. Bamford, pursuant to leave given on 18th August last, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution so as to provide for the Reconstruction of the States of the Commonwealth*", and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 20th October next.
4. PAPERS.—Mr. O'Malley presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Federal Capital Territory (Yass-Canberra Site)—Water Supply and Rainfall—Record of discharges at the official weir on the Cotter River from the date of the establishment of the gauge (20th May, 1910) to 7th September, 1910, and Memorandum by the Commonwealth Meteorologist on the Average Rainfall.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
Mr. Thomas presented, pursuant to Statute—
Public Service Act—Postmaster-General's Department—Recommendations in cases of promotions of—
V. E. Butler, as Assistant Manager, 3rd Class, Electrical Engineer's Branch (Telephones), New South Wales.
M. J. Clavin, as Inspector, 3rd Class, Inspection Branch, Queensland.
Mr. O'Malley presented, pursuant to Statute—
Public Service Act—Sixth Report on the Commonwealth Public Service by the Commissioner.
5. LAND TAX ASSESSMENT 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—*and on the amendment moved thereto by Mr. Deakin, viz.:*—That the following words be inserted in the motion after the word "That":—"the form of land tax outlined by the Prime Minister, and provided for in this Bill, is unjust in its incidence and an abuse of Federal powers"—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Sinclair addressing the House, and 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 to-morrow.

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6. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS AND BUILDINGS, 1908-9.—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 fifty-six 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 nine, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

29th August, 1910.

DUDLEY,
Governor-General.

Message No. 22.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six 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 nine, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

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

7. PAPERS.—Mr. O'Malley presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Electoral Act—Elections, 1910—Statistical Returns showing the Voting within each Subdivision in relation to the Senate Election and the General Election for the House of Representatives, viz. :—

New South Wales.
Queensland.
South Australia.
Tasmania.
Victoria.
Western Australia.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the remaining Government Business be postponed until to-morrow, that Order of the Day, General Business, No. 1, be postponed until Thursday, 22nd instant, and No. 2 until Thursday next.
9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-five 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. Archibald, Sir Robert Best, Mr. Brown, Mr. Catts, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Frank J. Foster, Mr. Howe, Mr. Jensen, Mr. W. J. Johnson, Mr. Livingston, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Ozanne, Mr. Riley, Mr. Roberts, and Mr. Spence.

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