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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 75.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 15TH OCTOBER, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. LIBRARY COMMITTEE (JOINT)—REPORT FROM.—Sir Langdon Bonython, for Mr. Speaker, Chairman, presented a Report from the Joint Library Committee.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
3. PAPERS.—Sir George Turner presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor General—
Victorian State Loan of £5,000,000 — Correspondence between the Treasurer of the Commonwealth and the Treasurer of the State of Victoria as to the proposed taking over by the Commonwealth, under section 105 of the Constitution, of the Victorian Loan of £5,000,000 falling due on 1st January, 1904.
Mr. Chapman presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Regulations relating to Military Forces, made under the Defence Acts of the States and the Constitution of the Commonwealth—
Alteration of Regulations respecting the issue of Small Arm Ammunition. (Dated 23rd September, 1903.)
Regulations respecting Appointments to First Commissions in the Corps of Australian Engineers (Permanent Sections). (Dated 23rd September, 1903.)
Alteration of Regulations regarding the Financial Administration of Public Moneys received or disbursed in connexion with Corps. (Dated 3rd October, 1903.)
Regulations for the Appointment of Officers to the General and Instructional Staffs of Australian Light Horse and Australian Infantry. (Dated 3rd October, 1903.)
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
Military Inspectional Tour and Military Staff Rides—Cost of.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 11th September, 1903.
4. PUBLIC SERVICE AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Deakin moved, by leave, That the Standing Orders be suspended so as to enable a Bill to be introduced and passed through all its stages without delay.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Deakin moved, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Public Service Act 1902*.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That Mr. Deakin do prepare and bring in the Bill.
Mr. Deakin then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Commonwealth Public Service Act 1902,’*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. Deakin moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
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. Chanter reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and agreed to the same with an amendment.
On the motion of Mr. Deakin, the House adopted the Report.
Mr. Deakin moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

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5. REVISED STANDING ORDERS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Revised Standing Orders recommended by the Standing Orders Committee—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Chanter reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at fourteen minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Bamford, Mr. Batchelor, Sir Edward Braddon, Mr. Joseph Cook, Mr. A. C. Groom, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hartnoll, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Manifold, Mr. McCay, Mr. McColl, Mr. F. E. McLean, Sir William McMillan, Mr. Page, Mr. Phillips, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Sawers, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. E. Solomon, and Mr. Watkins.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.