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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 61.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 9TH AUGUST, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
 2. PAPER.—Mr. Batchelor presented by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Federal Capital Proposed Sites—Further Report by A. H. Chesterman, Surveyor, on the Tooma Site.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
 3. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT—BALLOT TO DETERMINE SITE OF.—The Order of the Day having been read for the taking of an open exhaustive Ballot to determine the opinion of Members as to the district in New South Wales in which the Seat of Government of the Commonwealth should be situated—
The House proceeded to the said ballot.
The Clerk having examined the ballot-papers, Mr. Speaker reported that the numbers of votes given in the first ballot were as follow :—

Southern District	..	..	21	Western District	..	..	25
South-Eastern District	..	..	22				

 No district having received an absolute majority of votes—
The Southern District, having received the lowest number of votes, was then struck out of the ballot-papers.
And the House then proceeded to a second ballot.
The Clerk having examined the ballot-papers, Mr. Speaker reported that the numbers of votes given in the second and final ballot were as follow :—

South-Eastern District	..	39	Western District	28
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 A district having received an absolute majority of votes, and the taking of the ballot having been thus completed—
 4. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT BILL.—The House according to Order resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same with amendments.
Ordered—That the consideration of the Report be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
 5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Batchelor moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
- And then the House at six minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Cameron, Mr. Kingston, Sir John Quick, and Mr. Thomas.

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