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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 54.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER, 1906.

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

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General.

Message No. 14.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and seven for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.*," 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,
Melbourne, 7th September, 1906.

3. PETITION.—Sir Langdon Bonython presented a Petition from the municipal corporation of the City of Adelaide, and the municipal corporations and district councils within the metropolitan area, under their common seals, praying that the House will amend the Lands Acquisition Bill by the insertion of a provision that nothing in the Act shall authorize the acquisition by the Commonwealth of any land dedicated, reserved, or held for the use, recreation, or enjoyment of the public. Petition received and read.
4. PACIFIC ISLAND LABOURERS BILL (1906).—Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Pacific Island Labourers Act 1901*. Debate ensued. Question—put and resolved in the affirmative. Mr. Deakin then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Pacific Island Labourers Act 1901'*," and moved, That it be now read a first time. Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time. Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
5. COMPANIES (REGISTERED OFFICES) BILL.—Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Isaacs, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to the Registered Offices of certain Companies. Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
6. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (SPECIAL DUTIES) 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. 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. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again. Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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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 seven minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bamford, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. Liddell, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Reid, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. David Thomson, and Mr. Watkins.

* On leave.

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