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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH

No. 57.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. TASMANIAN CABLE RATES BILL.—Mr. Chapman moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Post and Telegraph Rates Act 1902*.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.  
Mr. Chapman then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Post and Telegraph Rates Act 1902,’*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.  
Ordered—by leave—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for this day, at a later hour.
3. PAPERS.—Mr. Chapman presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—  
Post and Telegraph Act 1901—  
General Postal Regulations—Prepayment of Postage—Telegraphic Regulations—  
Destruction of Undelivered Telegrams—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 62.  
Telephone Regulations—Private Telephone Lines in Country Districts—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 69.
4. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald 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.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PAPUA BILL (1906).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—  
MR. SPEAKER, *Message No. 14.*  
The Senate has passed a Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Papua Act 1905,’*” and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.  
R. C. BAKER,  
The Senate, President.  
Melbourne, 14th September, 1906.
6. PAPUA BILL (1906).—Mr. Fisher moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled “*A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Papua Act 1905,’*” 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 Tuesday next.

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7. **TASMANIAN CABLE RATES BILL.**—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill, Mr. Chapman 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. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.

On the motion of Mr. Chapman the House adopted the Report, and ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the third reading to be moved this day.

Mr. Chapman moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

8. **PAPERS.**—Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

Public Service Act 1902—

Regulations amended—No. 102. Salary of an officer upon transfer—General Division; No. 104. Grading of Line Repairers; No. 149. Travelling Allowances—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 72.

Mr. Ewing presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Defence—Report by the Inspector-General of the Commonwealth Military Forces, Major-General H. Finn, dated 1st September, 1906.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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**MEMBERS PRESENT.**—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bamford, Mr. Batchelor, Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Brown, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Kingston\*, Mr. Liddell, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. McColl, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Poynton, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Skene, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. David Thomson, Sir George Turner, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Watson, and Mr. Willis.

\* On leave.

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