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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 65.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 2ND OCTOBER, 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. 17.*

A Bill intituled “*An Act to amend the ‘Post and Telegraph Rates Act 1902,’*” 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, 28th September, 1906.
3. PETITION.—Mr. McWilliams presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the city of Hobart, under its common seal, praying that the House will see fit to make such amendments in the Lands Acquisition Bill as will protect the interests of municipal councils.
Petition received and read.
4. PAPERS.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Ocean Shipping Service—Report of Royal Commission, together with Proceedings, Minutes of Evidence, and Appendices.

Northern Territory—Further correspondence between the Prime Minister and the Premier of South Australia relative to the transfer of the Northern Territory to the Commonwealth.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

The following Paper was laid on the Table by the Clerk :—

Excise Inspectors in Victoria and South Australia—Return to an Order of the House, dated 27th September, 1906.
5. 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, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
6. LANDS ACQUISITION 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 gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same with amendments.
Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the Bill to pass through its remaining stages without delay.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
On the motion of Mr. Groom, the House adopted the Report.
Mr. Groom 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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7. SPIRITS BILL—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the amendments made by the Senate in this Bill, 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 dealt with the Senate's Amendments in the Bill.

Ordered—That the consideration of the Report be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (STATE DEBTS) BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 19.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to alter the Provisions of the Constitution relating to the Public Debts of the States*," to which it has agreed with the amendments indicated in the annexed Schedule, in which amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 2nd October, 1906.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for Thursday next.

9. ALTERATION OF TIME OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House at its rising adjourn until half-past two o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty 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 (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bamford, Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Conroy, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Fuller, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lee, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. McCay, Mr. McColl, Mr. Page, Mr. Poynton, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Spence, Mr. Storrer, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Dugald Thomson, and Mr. Webster.

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