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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH

No. 13.**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH OCTOBER, 1908.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. Ewing presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Defence Acts—
 - Naval Forces—
 - Regulations Amended (Provisional)—
 - No. 31—Statutory Rules 1908, No. 103.
 - Financial and Allowance Regulations Amended (Provisional)—
 - Nos. 49A, 50, 78A—Statutory Rules 1908, No. 104.
 - No. 50—Statutory Rules 1908, No. 105.
 - Military Forces—
 - Regulations Amended (Provisional)—Heading before No. 563—Statutory Rules 1908, No. 106.
3. DEFENCE BILL (1908).—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.
 - Mr. W. H. Irvine moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word "That" be omitted from the motion, with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof:—"in the opinion of this House, the defence of Australia depending primarily upon control of the sea, it would be unwise to commit the country to any scheme of compulsory universal military service until Parliament is in a position to determine the naval policy of the Commonwealth."
 - Mr. Crouch moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
 - Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 - Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 - Debate ensued.
 - Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at nine minutes past ten 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. Tilley Brown, Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Foster, Mr. Spence, Mr. Wise, and Mr. Wynne.

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