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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 37.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 1ST DECEMBER, 1908.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. Thomas presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Postmaster-General's Department—Statements showing Business Transacted and Details of Receipts and Expenditure, 1906, in respect of Post Offices in—
New South Wales.
Queensland.
South Australia.
Tasmania.
Victoria.
Western Australia.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
Mr. Fisher presented, pursuant to Statute—
Audit Acts—Treasury Regulation 137 (v)—Statutory Rules 1908, No. 120.
Mr. Mahon presented, pursuant to Statute—
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at Brunswick, Victoria, as a site for a Post Office.
3. ELECTORAL BILL (1908).—Mr. Mahon, pursuant to leave given on the 27th ultimo, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the Law relating to Parliamentary Elections,*" 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.
4. PARLIAMENTARY WITNESSES BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—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.
5. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
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. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at three 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. Carr, Mr. Chapman*, Sir Thomas Ewing, Mr. Hans Irvine, Mr. W. H. Irvine, Mr. Knox, Mr. Mauger, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Wynne.

* On leave.

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