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No. 44.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH SEPTEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :—

DUDLEY,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 13.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and ten 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.

4th September, 1909.

DUDLEY,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 14.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act relating to Currency, Coinage, and Legal Tender*", 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.

4th September, 1909.

3. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (FINANCE) BILL.—Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution relating to Finance. Mr. Fisher 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. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (STATE DEBTS) BILL.—Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution relating to the Public Debts of the States.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Deakin then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution relating to the Public Debts of the States*", 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. HIGH COMMISSIONER 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.

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6. 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-one 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. Thomas Brown, Mr. Chapman, Colonel Foxton, Mr. Hall, Mr. Knox, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Reid, and Mr. Watson.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.