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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER, 1909.

- 1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2. Papers.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Inter-State Conference, Melbourne, August, 1909—Agreement on Commonwealth and State Finance, also Tables prepared by the Treasurer (The Right Honorable Sir John Forrest).

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to Statute—Papua—Ordinance of 1909—Native Labour Amendment.

- 3. Constitution Alteration (Finance) Bill.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Deakin:—That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution relating to Finance—Debate resumed.
 - Mr. Mathews addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

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 twenty minutes to four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Tilley Brown, Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Chapman, Colonel Foxton, Mr. Knox, Mr. Livingston, Mr. McDougall, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Reid, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Sampson, and Mr. Watson.

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