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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 53.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 23RD SEPTEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Thomas Brown rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The Administration of the Electoral Act."
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—
Mr. Thomas Brown moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
3. PAPERS.—Mr. Fuller presented, pursuant to Statute—
Public Service Act—Regulations Amended—
No. 142 (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 105.
Nos. 156, 257-62—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 106.
4. 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. Dugald Thomson 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.
5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-six minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Chapman*, Mr. Hume Cook, Colonel Foxton, Mr. Reid, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilks, and Mr. Willis.

* On leave.

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