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 THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH

No. 54.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. Groom presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Papua—Ordinances of 1909—
 - No. 10.—Criminal Procedure Amendment.
 - No. 11.—Deputy Chief Judicial Officer.
 - No. 21.—Supplementary Appropriation 1908-9, No. 10.
 - No. 22.—Supply (No. 1) 1909-10.
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.
 - Sir John Forrest 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 Tuesday next.
4. DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The following Order of the Day was, on the motion of Mr. Deakin, read and discharged :—
 - Bureau of Agriculture Bill—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
 - Ordered—That the said Bill be withdrawn.
5. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (STATE DEBTS) BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Deakin moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
 - 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 Tuesday next.
6. PAPER.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 - Steamship *Waratah*—*Précis* of correspondence relating to the chartering of a suitable vessel to search for the missing steamship *Waratah*.
 - Ordered to lie on the Table.
7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 - Debate ensued.
 - Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at four 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. Chanter, Mr. Chapman*, Mr. Hume Cook, Colonel Foxton, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Mauger, Mr. McDougall, Mr. Reid, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilks, and Mr. Willis.

* On leave.

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