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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 26TH OCTOBER, 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—  
 Preferential Trade—Deputation from the Seventh Congress of the Chambers of Commerce of the Empire to the Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator Sir R. W. Best), 4th October, 1909—Report of Proceedings.  
 Ordered to lie on the Table.  
 Mr. Knox moved, That the Paper be printed.  
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.  
 Mr. Fuller presented, pursuant to Statute—  
 Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at Port Melbourne, Victoria—As an Addition to the Post Office Site.
3. DEFENCE BILL (1909).—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 gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same with amendments.  
 Ordered—That the consideration of the Report be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
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 nine 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. Batchelor, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Chapman\*, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Frank J. Foster, Mr. Fowler, Colonel Foxton\*, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Watson\*, and Mr. Webster.

\* On leave.

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