THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH

No. 72.

VOTES AND **PROCEEDINGS**

OF THE

REPRESENTATIVES. HOUSE OF

WEDNESDAY, 27TH OCTOBER, 1909.

- 1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2. PAPERS.—Mr. Joseph Cook presented, pursuant to Statute-

Defence Acts—Military Forces—Regulations Amended (Provisional)—No. 1291 Added—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 117.

No. 106A—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 118.

3. Defence Bill (1909).—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole House on this Bill—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the Report be now adopted.

Mr. Catts moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clause 2 for the purpose of making provision that the Act shall commence on a day to be fixed by proclamation after provision for ways and means has been made from the proceeds of direct taxation.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 21.	Noes, 33.
Mr. Bamford Mr. Thomas Brown Mr. Carr Mr. Chanter Mr. Frank J. Foster Mr. Hall Mr. Tudor Mr. Hutchison Mr. Maloney Mr. Mathews Mr. McDonald Mr. Co'Malle Mr. Page Mr. Povnton Mr. Spence Mr. Thomas Mr. Tudor Mr. Wilks Mr. Catts Mr. McDonald Mr. Frazer	Mr. Atkinson Mr. Livingston Mr. Joseph Cook Mr. Mauger Mr. Coon Mr. McWilliams Mr. Deakin Sir John Quick Mr. Edwards Mr. Reid Sir Thomas Ewing Mr. Sampson Mr. Fairbairn Mr. Sinclair

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Kelly moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of proposed section 151 of the Principal Act.

Debate ensued.

Question-put.

The House div	ided —	
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Ayes, 21.		Noes, 31.		
Mr. Carr	Mr. Page	Mr. Archer	Mr. Liddell	
Mr. Catts	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Livingston	
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Spence	Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. McWilliams	
Mr. Frank J. Foster	Mr. Thomas	Mr. Coon	Sir John Quick	
Mr. Hall	Mr. Tudor	Mr. Crouch	Mr. Reid	
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Wilks	Mr. Deakin	Mr. Sampson	
Mr. Mahon	Mr. Wise	Mr. Edwards	Mr. Sinclair	
Mr. Maloney		Sir Thomas Ewing	Mr. Storrer	
Mr. Mathews		Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Dugald Thomson	
Mr. McDonald	Tellers.	Sir John Forrest	Mr. John Thomson	
Mr. McDougall	Mr. Frazer	Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Willis	
Mr. O'Malley	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Wynne	
	- ,	Sir Philip Fysh	· ····-	
		Mr. Glynn		
		Mr. Groom	Tellers.	
		Mr. Hedges	Mr. Hume Cook	
		Mr. Johnson	Mr. Mauger	

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Crouch moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the consideration of proposed new clauses 6A, 7A, 7D, 7E, 123C.

Debate ensued.

Question-put.

And the voices having been given Mr. Speaker stated that the Ayes had it.

A division being called for, the bells were rung and the doors locked.

Members having taken their places and no Members voting with the Noes Mr. Speaker declared the question resolved in the affirmative.

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 considered the proposed new clauses referred to it and had agreed to the insertion of new clauses 6A and 123c. Ordered—That the consideration of the Reports be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

ELECTORAL BILL (1909) (No. 2).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading
of this Bill—Mr. Fuller moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.

Mr. Mahon 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. Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Bill (1909).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Fuller moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Ougstion—put and resolved in the offirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

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.

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 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. Fisher, Mr. Fowler, Colonel Foxton*, Mr. Knox, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Watson*, and Mr. Wilson.

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