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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 45.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER, 1910.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION BILL AND AUSTRALIAN NOTES BILL.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :—

DUDLEY,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 23.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Immigration Restriction Act 1901-1908'*", as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,  
19th September, 1910.

DUDLEY,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 24.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act relating to Australian Notes*", as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,  
19th September, 1910.

3. LONG SITTINGS OF HOUSE.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had arranged that during the present long sittings of the House some relief would be given to the officers ordinarily most in attendance, and that the House would adjourn for lunch and for dinner for an hour and a half.
4. PAPERS.—Mr. Batchelor presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Fapua—Native Labour Supply—Letter from the Honorable Staniforth Smith, Administrator, forwarding communications *re*.  
Mr. Thomas presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Parliamentary Post Office at Sydney—Return of Business and Revenue, 1909.  
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
5. LAND TAX ASSESSMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—*and on the amendment moved thereto by Mr. Deakin, viz.:*—That the following words be inserted in the motion after the word "That":—"the form of land tax outlined by the Prime Minister, and provided for in this Bill, is unjust in its incidence and an abuse of Federal powers"—  
Debate resumed.

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Question—That the words proposed to be inserted, be so inserted—put.  
The House divided—

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Cook	Sir John Quick
Mr. Deakin	Mr. Sampson
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Bruce Smith
Mr. Greene	Mr. Thomson
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Hedges	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hans Irvine	Mr. W. Elliot Johnson
Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Kelly

Noes, 30.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. McDougall
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Batchelor	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Beard	Mr. Ozanne
Mr. Brown	Mr. Riley
Mr. Cann	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Carr	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Spence
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Frazer	Mr. West
Mr. Howe	
Mr. Jensen	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mahon	Mr. Hall
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Watkins

And so it was negatived.

The following amendment proposed by Mr. W. Elliot Johnson was then submitted for the decision of the House:—That the following words be inserted after the word "That", viz. :—

"in the opinion of this House the Progressive Land Value Taxation proposals of the present Government are unjust in their incidence, and while supporting the principle of land value taxation as a means of raising necessary public revenue, this House is further of opinion that such taxation should bear evenly upon land-owners in proportion to the value of their land, and should be accompanied by a reduction in taxation on food, clothing, and other household necessities, tools of trade, and implements of husbandry."

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put and negatived.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Clause 1 read.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—TRUST FUND ADVANCES BILL (No. 2).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

DUDLEY,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 25.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize a temporary advance from the Trust Fund to the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

20th September, 1910.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—NAVAL APPROPRIATION BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

DUDLEY,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 26.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of Two million five hundred and ninety thousand pounds for Naval Defence.

20th September, 1910.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at sixteen minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, 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. Catts, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Frank J. Foster, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Hughes, Mr. W. J. Johnson, and Mr. Webster.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*