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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 59.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 13TH OCTOBER, 1910.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. POSTAGE STAMPS OF EACH STATE EFFECTIVE THROUGHOUT COMMONWEALTH.—Mr. Thomas, by leave, made the following statement to the House—

Instructions have been issued to-day to all Deputy Postmasters-General that, from and including to-day, postage stamps now issued in the various States are to be valid for the prepayment of postage at all Post Offices in the Commonwealth, so that from this date letters can be posted in any State prepaid by the stamps of any other State, and State boundaries therefore no longer exist so far as postage stamps are concerned.

This does not affect the rates of postage which must of necessity be continued pending legislation.

As a slight memento of the occasion every Member of the Federal Parliament will have a complete set of Australian Stamps presented to him.
3. EXPATRIATION REGULATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—

Mr. Fowler moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Ordered—That the Bill be withdrawn.
4. IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION [DEPORTATION OF CRIMINALS] BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Fowler moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Batchelor moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday next.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered, That the remaining General Business be postponed until Thursday next.
6. SUPPLY [“GRIEVANCE DAY”].—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—

Question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and negatived.

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

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7. NORTHERN TERRITORY ACCEPTANCE 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—

Debate resumed.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 22.		Noes, 4.	
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Finlayson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Batchelor	Sir John Quick	Mr. Hedges	Mr. Higgs
Mr. Catts	Mr. Scullin		Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Deakin	Mr. Laird Smith		
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Thomas		
Mr. Frazer	Mr. Thomson		
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Tudor		
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Parker Moloney			
Mr. O'Malley	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Mr. Ozanne	Mr. Mathews		
Mr. Page	Mr. Watkins		

And so it was 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.

(*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.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BANK NOTES TAX 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. 29.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to impose a Tax upon Bank 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.

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9. PAPERS.—Mr. Tudor presented, pursuant to Statute—

Quarantine Act—Regulations Amended—Nos. 44, 138-140c, 143 (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1910, No. 93.

Mr. Thomas presented, pursuant to Statute—

Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations Amended (Provisional)—

Postal—Electoral Papers—Statutory Rules 1910, No. 91.

Payment of Postage by Receiver; Telephone Regulations—Part XIX.—Statutory Rules 1910, No. 92.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twelve 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. Beard, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cann, Mr. Carr, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Cook, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Frank J. Foster, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Greene, Mr. Groom, Mr. Hall, Mr. Howe, Mr. W. Elliot Johnson, Mr. W. J. Johnson, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Mahon, Mr. McDougall, Mr. Riley, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Salmon, Mr. Sampson, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Spence, Mr. Webster, and Mr. West.

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