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 THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 51.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
 2. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (SPECIAL DUTIES) 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. Joseph Cook 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.
 3. PREFERENTIAL BALLOT BILL.—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 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, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
 4. REFERENDUM (CONSTITUTION ALTERATION) 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 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 gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.
On the motion of Mr. Isaacs the House adopted the Report.
Ordered—That the third reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
 5. PAPER.—Sir John Forrest presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
Audit Act 1901.—Transfers of Amounts approved by the Governor-General in Council, financial year 1905-6 (dated 3rd September, 1906).
 6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered, after debate, That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 4 be postponed until to-morrow.
 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 eleven minutes past ten 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, Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. Lonsdale, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Reid, Mr. Skene, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Storrer, Mr. Dugald Thomson, and Mr. Webster.

* On leave.

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