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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH

No. 67.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 4TH OCTOBER, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (STATE DEBTS) BILL—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the amendments made by the Senate in this Bill—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 dealt with the Senate's amendments in the Bill.
Ordered—That the consideration of the Report be made an Order of the Day for this day, at a later hour.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business Nos. 2 and 3, be postponed until this day, at a later hour.
4. PATENTS BILL (1903).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Isaacs moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
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 with amendments.
Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the Bill to pass through its remaining stages without delay.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
On the motion of Mr. Isaacs the House adopted the Report.
Mr. Isaacs moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.
5. PUBLIC SERVICE [TELEGRAPH MESSENGERS] BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Deakin 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 this day, at a later hour.
6. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (STATE DEBTS) BILL—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole House on the Amendments made by the Senate in this Bill—
The Report was read as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF AN AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE TO WHICH THE COMMITTEE HAS AGREED WITH AMENDMENTS.

Amendment No. 1.—

No. 1.—After clause 1, insert new clause—

“1A. The Constitution is altered by the addition of the following Alteration of Constitution.
section :—

‘The powers of the Parliament relating to the public debts of the States shall extend to debts incurred since the establishment of the Commonwealth.’”

Agreed to with the following amendments :—

Omit “since”, insert “at any time after”; at end of clause add “and to any part of the public debts of the States”.

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Amendment No. 2.—Leave out clause 2.

Mr. Deakin moved, That the Report be now adopted.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

And no Members voting with the Noes, and the following Members voting with the Ayes:—

Ayes, 39.

Mr. Brown,	Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Knox,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Carpenter,	Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Liddell,	Mr. Skene,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Mahon,	Mr. Dugald
Mr. Hume Cook,	Mr. Glynn,	Mr. Maloney,	Thomson,
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Groom,	Mr. Mauger,	Mr. Tudor,
Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Harper,	Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Culpin,	Mr. Higgins,	Mr. McLean,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. McWilliams,	Mr. Wilks,
Mr. G. B. Edwards,	Mr. Johnson,	Mr. O'Malley,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. Ronald,	Mr. Wilson.

—the question, That the Report be now adopted—was resolved in the affirmative by an absolute majority of the House.

7. PAPER.—The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk:—

Postmasters raised to grade of their offices.—Part return to an Order of the House, dated 28th September, 1906.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at thirteen minutes past ten 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. Bamford, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Conroy, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Fuller, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lee, Mr. Lonsdale, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McCay, Mr. McColl, Mr. Page, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Peynton, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Spence, Mr. Storrer, Mr. Thomas, Mr. David Thomson, and Mr. Webster.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.