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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 15TH OCTOBER, 1907.

- 1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2. Message from His Excellency the Governor-General—Assent to Bill.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

NORTHCOTE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 16.

A Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Judiciary Act 1903," 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, Melbourne, 14th October, 1907.

- 3. Petitions.—Mr. Mahon presented a Petition from retail confectioners of Western Australia, praying that the House will give effect to the recommendation of the Tariff Commission that a maximum duty of 2d. per lb. be levied on confectionery.
 - Mr. Glynn presented three Petitions from electors of South Australia praying that the House will reduce the duties on agricultural implements and all articles of manufacture essential to-cultivation, depasturing sheep and cattle, mining, and the general requisites for the development of natural resources.

Petitions severally received and read.

- 4. Ways and Means.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
 - Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress 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.
- 5. PAPERS.—Mr. Mauger presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 - Post and Telegraph Department.—Papers respecting the appointment of a Deputy Postmaster-General from some other State to act temporarily as Deputy Postmaster-General in Victoria.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Paper was laid on the Table by the Clerk :---

Telephone Line, West Maitland and Sydney—Return to an Order of the House dated 6th September, 1907.

- 6. Adjournment.—Sir William Lyne moved, That the House do now adjourn. Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
- And then the House, at one minute past 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. Bowden, Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Hall, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Livingston, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Willis, and Mr. Wilson.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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