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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH

No. 66.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 15TH OCTOBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. 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 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 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.
3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—HIGH COMMISSIONER BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—
MR. SPEAKER, *Message No. 19.*
The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to provide for the office of High Commissioner of the Commonwealth in the United Kingdom,*” to which it has agreed with the amendments indicated in the annexed Schedule, in which amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.
The Senate, A. J. GOULD,
Melbourne, 15th October, 1909. President.
Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—REFERENDUM (CONSTITUTION ALTERATION) BILL (1909).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—
MR. SPEAKER, *Message No. 20.*
The Senate has passed a Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act 1906,’*” and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.
The Senate, A. J. GOULD,
Melbourne, 15th October, 1909. President.
5. REFERENDUM (CONSTITUTION ALTERATION) BILL (1909).—Mr. Fuller moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled “*A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act 1906,’*” be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

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6. PAPERS.—Mr. Fuller presented, pursuant to Statute—

Electoral Acts 1902-5—Western Australia—Report, with Map, by the Commissioner (Mr. M. A. C. Fraser) appointed for the purpose of distributing the State of Western Australia into Electoral Divisions.

Ordered to be printed.

Lands Acquisition Act—

Land acquired under, at—

Ararat, Victoria—For Defence purposes.

Beeac, Victoria—For Postal purposes.

Raymond Terrace, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.

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 four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Tilley Brown, Mr. Carr, Mr. Catts, Mr. Chapman*, Mr. Edwards, Sir Thomas Ewing, Mr. Frank J. Foster, Mr. R. W. Foster, Colonel Foxton*, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Page, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Watson*, and Mr. Wilson.

* On leave.

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