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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 90.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT ACCEPTANCE 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 gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same without amendment.
On the motion of Mr. Fuller the House adopted the Report.
Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the remaining stage to be passed without delay.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Fuller moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.
3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—OFFICERS COMPENSATION 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. 23.*
In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of money be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for Compensation to be paid on Retirement or on Decease of certain Officers of the Commonwealth.
Melbourne, 26th November, 1909.
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. PUBLIC SERVICE [COMMISSIONER'S SALARY, ETC.] BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 18—
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Johnson reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution.
Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.
And thereupon the said resolution was read, and is as follows :—
Resolved—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act relating to the salary of the Public Service Commissioner, Long Service Increments in the Fifth Class of the Clerical Division, and the Employment of Telegraph Messengers.
And the said Resolution was adopted by the House.
Ordered—That Mr. Fuller and Mr. Glynn do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.
Mr. Fuller then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to the salary of the Public Service Commissioner, Long Service Increments in the Fifth Class of the Clerical Division, and [the Employment of Telegraph Messengers,*" and moved, That it 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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5. REFERENDUM (CONSTITUTION ALTERATION) BILL (1909).—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. Johnson reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.
On the motion of Mr. Fuller the House adopted the Report.
Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the remaining stage to be passed without delay.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Fuller moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.
6. HIGH COMMISSIONER 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 made progress, 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.
7. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—NAVAL LOAN 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. 24.*
- In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenues and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the raising and expending of the sum of Three million five hundred thousand pounds for the purposes of Naval Defence.
- Melbourne, 26th November, 1909.
- Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
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 eleven minutes past 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. Archer, Mr. Batchelor, Mr. Tilley Brown, Mr. Chapman, Sir Thomas Ewing, Mr. Frank J. Foster, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. W. H. Irvine, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McDougall, Mr. Poynton, Sir George Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilks, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Wynne.

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