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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 40.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 30TH JULY, 1901.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITIONS.—Mr. Thomson presented a Petition from the Council of Churches, a body composed of the official heads and accredited representatives of the Anglican, Wesleyan, Presbyterian, Congregational, Baptist, and Primitive Methodist Churches of New South Wales, praying that no encouragement will be given to racing lotteries and other forms of gambling, by the transmission of any postal matter relating to the same through the Post-office.
Mr. R. Edwards presented a Petition from certain citizens of, and firms and companies carrying on business in, the State of Queensland, in the Commonwealth of Australia; praying that the House may be pleased to favorably consider the advisability of excluding carriage by sea from the operation of the Inter-State Commission Bill.
Petitions severally received and read.
Mr. Knox presented a Petition from J. John Halley and Jas. Rickard, styling themselves President and Secretary, respectively, of the Council of Churches in Victoria, praying that the House will pass clause 54 of the Post and Telegraph Bill.
Petition received.
Mr. Knox moved, That the Petition be read.
Question—put and negatived.
Mr. Knox presented a Petition from S. G. McLaren, M.A., and John Steele, styling themselves President and Honorary Secretary, respectively, of the Elders' Association of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria, praying that the House will pass the clause in the Post and Telegraph Bill, which forbids the delivery of letters to those who are known to be engaged in the promotion of racing sweeps or other such lottery business; and will insert in the said Bill a clause to direct the chief postmaster of each State to return all such letters to the senders.
Sir Malcolm McEacharn presented a Petition from the President and Members of the Victorian Employers' Union, praying that the House will in its wisdom exclude from the Inter-State Commission Bill all the provisions which relate to common carriers by sea and land, other than the State railways.
Petitions severally received.
3. CUSTOMS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole House on His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 12, having been read—
Mr. Chanter reported from the Committee a certain resolution, which was read, and is as follows:—
Resolved—That it is expedient that an appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill relating to the Customs.
And the said resolution was adopted by the House.
4. STATE LAWS AND RECORDS RECOGNITION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the third reading of this Bill having been read—
Bill, on the motion of Sir George Turner, read a third time.

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5. CUSTOMS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further reconsideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Chanter reported that the Committee had reconsidered the Bill and agreed to the same with further amendments.
Mr. Kingston moved, That the Standing Orders be suspended in order to enable a motion for the recommittal of the Bill to be made.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That this Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clause 159A.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Chanter reported that the Committee had again considered clause 159A, and had made a further amendment therein.
Ordered—That the consideration of the Reports be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
6. POST AND TELEGRAPH BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Sir Philip Fysh moved, That this 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 Tuesday next.
7. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—EXCISE ON BEER BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented by Mr. Kingston, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—
- HOPE TOWN,
Governor-General. *Message No. 13.*
- 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 Revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill relating to Excise on Beer.
Melbourne, 30th July, 1901.
- Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
8. EXCISE ON BEER BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Kingston moved, That this 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. Chanter reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and agreed to the same with amendments.
Ordered—That the consideration of the Report be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
9. DEFENCE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That this Bill be now read a second time, having been read—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Hughes 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.
10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Barton moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
- And then the House, at seven minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—The Attorney-General (The Honorable Alfred Deakin), The Minister of Home Affairs (The Honorable Sir William Lyne, K.C.M.G.), The Minister of Defence (The Right Honorable Sir John Forrest, P.C., G.C.M.G.), Messrs. Cameron, Conroy, Ewing, Fisher, Glynn, W. H. Groom, Kennedy, Macdonald-Paterson, McColl, F. E. McLean, The Right Honorable G. H. Reid, P.C., Messrs. Sawers, Skene, Bruce Smith, Sydney Smith, and Willis.

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