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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 49.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH AUGUST, 1901.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITIONS.—Mr. Clarke presented a Petition from certain electors, citizens, and residents of the State of New South Wales, praying that the House will be pleased to eliminate clauses 54 and 55 of the Post and Telegraph Bill.
Petitions, praying that the House will pass clauses 54 and 55 of the Post and Telegraph Bill, which will withhold postal facilities for promoting lotteries, fortune-telling, and other unlawful pursuits, were presented—
By Mr. Deakin—
From certain residents of Ballarat, being members and adherents of the Wesleyan Church, Lydiard-street, Ballarat.
By Mr. Knox—
From certain residents of Kew, attending the Kew Wesleyan Church.
From certain residents of Prahran and South Yarra.
By Sir George Turner—
From certain residents of Prahran, worshipping in the Independent Church, Malvern-road, Prahran.
Mr. Mauger presented a Petition from Margaret McLean, M. E. Kirk, and Mary E. Horsfall, styling themselves respectively President, Secretary, and Superintendent of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Victoria, praying that the House will amend the Defence Bill so that no subject shall be compelled to enter military service, but that the liberty of the subject in this respect may be preserved, and provision made for all those who have conscientious convictions against military service.
Petitions severally received.
3. ADJOURNMENT.—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Watson rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The state of the business of the House."
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and five Members having accordingly risen—
Mr. Watson moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
4. DISTILLATION 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.
Mr. V. L. Solomon 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.

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5. POST AND TELEGRAPH BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration 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 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, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. PAPER.—Mr. Barton presented—

Cane Sugar Industry of Australia.—Correspondence arranging for a Report by Walter Maxwell (Director of the Sugar Experiment Stations, Queensland), on certain points connected with the industry.

Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Barton moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at eight 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 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.), and Messrs. Cruickshank, Ewing, A. C. Groom, Macdonald-Paterson, F. E. McLean, Poynton, Sydney Smith, and r. Spence.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.