THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 63.

AND VOTES **PROCEEDINGS**

OF THE

HOUSE REPRESENTATIVES. OF

THURSDAY, 12TH SEPTEMBER, 1901.

- 1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2. Petitions.—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. Manifold-

From certain residents of Allansford, Mepunga, Nirranda, and Wangoom. From certain members and adherents of the Presbyterian Church, Mortlake.

Petitions severally received.

3. Papers.—Mr. Barton presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Correspondence re a Communication made to the Press by F. L. Outtrim, Deputy Postmaster-General, Victoria.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk:—

Exemption Tickets granted to Kanakas.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 14th June, 1901.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

4. Service and Execution of Process Bill.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Reports from the Committee of the whole House on this Bill having been read-

Mr. Deakin moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clauses 10, 13, and 14.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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 portions of the Bill referred to it, and had agreed to the same with further amendments.

Ordered—That the consideration of the Reports be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

- 5. Postponement of Order of the Day.—Ordered, That Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 2, be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
- 6. Immigration Restriction 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.

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 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.

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7. Message from the Senate.—Customs Bill.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 15.

The Senate has agreed to the Bill intituled "An Act relating to the Customs," with the amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, to which it desires the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

R. C. BAKER, President.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 12th September, 1901.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.

8. Excise Bill.—Mr. Deakin, for Mr. Kingston, pursuant to an Order of the House made on 2nd August last, brought up a Bill intituled "A Bill relating to Excise," 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 to-morrow.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-five minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at ten o'clock a.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present except—The Minister of Home Affairs (the Honorable Sir William Lyne, K.C.M.G.), Messrs. Clarke, Cruickshank, G. B. Edwards, Ewing, Macdonald-Paterson, the Right Honorable G. H. Reid, P.C., Messrs. Sawers, Skene, and Bruce Smith.

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