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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 90.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 5TH NOVEMBER, 1901.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.
 2. ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.—The Clerk at the Table having informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker.
 3. PRAYERS.—The Deputy-Speaker read Prayers.
 4. PETITION.—Mr. R. Edwards presented a Petition from certain cane farmers of the Johnstone River district, Queensland, praying that the House would give every consideration to the peculiar conditions by which the petitioners are surrounded, and would cause a full inquiry to be made into the whole of the workings of the Sugar industry of Queensland before finally placing upon the statute-book any enactments which would prejudice that industry, and, above all, that the House would preserve intact the first principles of the Constitutions of the Empire, and hold the petitioners' homes and means of livelihood sacred.
Petition received and read.
Mr. R. Edwards moved, That the Petition be printed.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 5. PACIFIC ISLAND LABOURERS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the 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. R. Edwards addressing the House and proposing to move that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee, the House, after debate, gave the honorable Member leave to continue his speech at the next sitting, and the further consideration of the Bill was adjourned to that time.
 6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Barton moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
- And then the House, at thirty-three minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—The Right Honorable Sir Edward Braddon, P.C., Messrs. Cameron, Clarke, Joseph Cook, Ewing, Glynn, A. C. Groom, Holder, Kennedy, McCay, McColl, F. E. McLean, Sir William McMillan, Sir John Quick, the Right Honorable G. H. Reid, P.C., Messrs. Ronald, Sawers, Skene, Bruce Smith, V. L. Solomon, Wilkinson, and Wilks.

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