### THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

### No. 125.

# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

#### FRIDAY, 31st JANUARY, 1902.

- 1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2. Special Adjournment.—Mr. Barton moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next. Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

- 3. Leave of Absence to Member (Mr. Piesse).—Mr. Chapman (for Sir Philip Fysh) moved, pursuant to notice, That leave of absence for six weeks be granted to the honorable Member for Tasmania (Mr. Piesse), on the ground of ill-health.

  Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
- 4. Ways and Means.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Chanter 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.

5. ADJOURNMENT.-Mr. Barton moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at three minutes to four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next, 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 Defence (the Right Honorable Sir John Forrest, P.C., G.C.M.G.), the Right Honorable Sir Edward Braddon, P.C., Messrs. Brown, Cruickshank, G. B. Edwards, A. C. Groom, Kennedy, McCay, Sir William McMillan, Messrs. Paterson, Piesse, Sawers, Bruce Smith, and Spence.

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