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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 204.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 26TH AUGUST, 1902.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Acting Governor-General—
Foreign Contract Labour in Western Australia—Report of the Commissioner on.
Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.
Federal Electoral Bill—Correspondence with the Premier of New South Wales with regard to the.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. ROYAL COMMISSIONS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Deakin moved, That the 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 without amendment.
On the motion of Mr. Deakin the House adopted the Report.
Ordered—That the third reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
4. EXPENDITURE UPON GOVERNMENT HOUSES AND UPON FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the following motion:—That an expenditure upon Government Houses of £5,500 a year, and upon the Federal Executive Council of £1,925 a year, as submitted in the statement ordered to be printed on the 7th inst is approved, 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 considered the motion and agreed to the same with amendments.
And the said motion, as so amended, was read, and is as follows:—
Resolved—That an expenditure upon Government Houses of £5,500 a year, as submitted in the statement ordered to be printed on the 7th inst., is approved during the term of office of the next Governor-General.
On the motion of Mr. Deakin the House adopted the Report.
5. PAPER.—Sir William Lyne presented, by command of His Excellency the Acting Governor-General—
Drill Instructors in the South Australian Military Forces—Correspondence as to the necessity of increasing the staff.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at forty-seven 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 Prime Minister* (the Right Honorable Sir Edmund Barton, P.C., G.C.M.G.), the Minister of Defence* (the Right Honorable Sir John Forrest, P.C., G.C.M.G.), the Right Honorable Sir Edward Braddon, P.C., K.C.M.G., Messrs. Cameron, Chapman,* Cruickshank,* G. B. Edwards, Ewing, Fisher,* Harper,* Hughes, Knox,* Macdonald-Paterson, Manifold, F. E. McLean, Page, the Right Honorable G. H. Reid, P.C., Messrs. Bruce Smith, V. L. Solomon, and Spence.

* On leave.

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