THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 6.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD JUNE, 1903.

- 1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2. Address in Reply to His Excellency the Governor-General's Speech.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General, be agreed to by this House:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia in Parliament assembled, beg to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—

having been read-

Debate resumed.

Mr. Brown addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

3. Messages from the Senate. — Library, House, and Printing Committees. — \dot{Mr} . Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate:—

Mr. Speaker.

Message No. 1.

The Senate has appointed a Library Committee, consisting of the President, Senators Barrett, Keating, Matheson, Millen, Stewart, and Sir J. H. Symon, with power to act during the recess, and to confer with any similar Committee of the House of Representatives.

R. C. BAKER, President.

The Senate, 3rd June, 1903.

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MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 2.

The Senate has appointed a House Committee, consisting of the President, Senators Cameron, De Largie, Fraser, Glassey, Lieut.-Col. Neild, and Playford, with power to act during the recess, and to confer with any similar Committee of the House of Representatives.

R. C. BAKER,

The Senate,

President.

3rd June, 1903

Mr. Speaker, Message No. 3.

The Senate has appointed a Printing Committee, consisting of Senators Charleston, Clemons, Dawson, Pearce, Pulsford, Staniforth Smith, and Styles, with power to confer with the Printing Committee of the House of Representatives.

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R. C. BAKER, President. 3rd June, 1903.

Sir Edmund Barton moved, by leave-

That leave be given to the Printing Committee of this House to confer with the Printing Committee of the Senate, and that a Message be sent informing the Senate accordingly.

That the Senate be also informed that the Library Committee and the House Committee of this House have leave under the Standing Orders to confer with similar Committees of the Senate.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

- 4. House Committee.—Sir Edmund Barton moved, pursuant to notice, That Mr. Manifold be a member of the House Committee in place of Mr. Piesse, deceased. Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
- 5. HIGH COURT PROCEDURE BILL.—Sir Edmund Barton (for Mr. Deakin) moved, pursuant to notice That leave be given to bring in a Bill for an Act to regulate the Practice and Procedure of the High Court.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That Mr. Deakin do prepare and bring in the Bill.

6. Adjournment.—Sir Edmund Barton moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative. Sir Edmund Barton moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question-put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at seven 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—Sir Edward Braddon, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Cruickshank, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Glynn, Mr. A. C. Groom, Mr. Harper, Mr. Knox, Mr. Macdonald-Paterson, Sir Malcolm McEacharn, Mr. F. E. McLean, Mr. Reid, Mr. Salmon, Mr. Sawers, Mr. V. L. Solomon, and Mr. Watson.

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