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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 23.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 7TH JULY, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITIONS.—Mr. Glynn presented a Petition from certain electors of South Australia against the passing of the Judiciary Bill, on the ground that a great saving yearly would be effected if the proposed High Court were constituted of the Chief Justices of three of the States, the Court, from time to time, as business shall require, to meet for the transaction thereof in the capital cities of the States, and the Executive officers of the State Supreme Courts to be empowered to act in those States respectively as officers of the Federal High Court, and praying that the House will amend the Bill accordingly.
Mr. Poynton presented a similar Petition from certain electors of South Australia.
Petitions severally received.
3. PAPER.—Sir William Lyne presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
Electoral Act 1902—Report of the Commissioner (Mr. W. R. Boothby) appointed to distribute the State of South Australia into Divisions, together with a Map showing the names and boundaries of each proposed Division.
4. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL.—Mr. Kingston moved, pursuant to notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to Conciliation and Arbitration for the prevention and settlement of Industrial Disputes.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered.—That Mr. Kingston do prepare and bring in the Bill.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business Nos. 1 and 2, be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 3.
6. NAVAL AGREEMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Sir Edmund Barton moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Sir John Quick moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered.—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business Nos. 1, 2, and 4, be postponed until to-morrow.

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8. SENATE ELECTIONS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Sir William Lyne 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 Sir William Lyne the House adopted the Report.

Ordered—That the third reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Edmund Barton moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-eight 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—Sir Edward Braddon, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Harper, Mr. Macdonald-Paterson, Mr. F. E. McLean, Mr. Sawers, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. V. L. Solomon, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Wilks.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.