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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 37.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 4TH AUGUST, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITIONS.—Petitions, praying that, in the measures proposed to be passed by the House for the government and control of British New Guinea, it will be enacted that the introduction, sale, and manufacture of intoxicating liquors shall be absolutely prohibited, were presented as under :—
 - By Mr. Batchelor—
From certain electors of South Australia.
 - By Sir Langdon Bonython—
From certain electors of South Australia.
 - By Mr. Cameron—
From certain electors of Hobart and Glenorchy, Tasmania.
 - By Mr. Conroy—
From certain electors of Werriwa, New South Wales.
 - By Mr. Joseph Cook—
From certain electors of New South Wales.
 - By Mr. Crouch—
From certain electors of Corio, Victoria.
 - By Mr. Deakin—
From certain electors of Ballarat, Victoria.
 - By Mr. Kennedy—
From certain electors of Moira, Victoria.
 - By Mr. Kingston—
From certain electors of South Australia.
 - By Mr. Knox—
From certain electors of Kooyong, Victoria.
 - By Sir William Lyne—
From certain electors of Hume, New South Wales.
 - By Mr. Poynton—
From certain electors of South Australia.

Mr. Chanter presented a Petition from certain electors of New South Wales praying that, in view of the recent drought and the consequent emigration of many workmen, speedy provision may be made by the House for the passage of an Iron Bonus Bill, which will give substantial encouragement to private enterprise in developing the iron industry.

Mr. L. E. Groom presented a Petition from the Members of the Toowoomba Chamber of Commerce, under the common seal of the said Chamber, against section 16 of the Post and Telegraph Act 1901, which prohibits the employment of coloured labour on mail steamers, and praying that the House will forthwith take into consideration the advisableness of repealing the said section.

Petitions severally received.
3. PAPER.—Sir William Lyne presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
Public Service Act 1902—New Regulation in relation to Boards of Inquiry, No. 267.(a)
(dated 30th July, 1903).

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4. PAPUA (BRITISH NEW GUINEA) BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House 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 gone through the Bill and agreed to the same with amendments.
Sir Edmund Barton moved, by leave, That the Report from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill be now adopted.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the third reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
5. NATURALIZATION 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.
Mr. Reid 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 Tuesday next.
6. DEFENCE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House 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 made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
7. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Edmund Barton moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House at twenty 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. Cruickshank, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Macdonald-Paterson, Mr. F. E. McLean, Sir William McMillan, Sir John Quick, Mr. Sawers, Mr. V. L. Solomon, Mr. Thomson, and Mr. Watkins.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,

Clerk of the House of Representatives