

1903.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 51.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 27TH AUGUST, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITIONS.—Mr. Tudor presented a Petition from certain electors of Victoria, employed in the Railway Department, praying that they may be included under the provisions of the Conciliation and Arbitration Bill.

Petition received and read.

Petitions, praying that the Conciliation and Arbitration Bill may be amended so as to equally apply to all vessels engaging in the Australian coastal trades, whether Australian, oversea, or foreign, were presented as under:—

By Mr. Batchelor—

From John Carr and others, styling themselves respectively Chairman, executive officers, and trustees of the Port Adelaide Working Men's Association.

By Mr. Ronald—

From Wm. Baird and others, styling themselves respectively President, executive officers, and committee of the Melbourne Wharf Labourers' Union.

By Mr. Tudor—

From Thomas Davidson Scott and others, styling themselves respectively President and executive officers of the Political Labour Council of Victoria.

From M. Hannah and others, styling themselves respectively President and executive officers of the Trades Hall Council.

Petitions, 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, were presented as under:—

By Mr. Hume Cook—

From certain electors of Victoria.

By Mr. McCay—

From certain electors of Victoria.

From certain electors of the Commonwealth.

Petitions severally received.

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3. ELECTORAL DIVISIONS BILL.—Sir William Lyne moved, pursuant to notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill relating to Elections.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That Sir William Lyne do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Sir William Lyne then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill relating to Elections*,” and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

Sir William Lyne moved, That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 36.

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| Sir Edmund Barton, | Mr. McCay, |
| Sir Langdon | Mr. McDonald, |
| Bonython, | Sir Malcolm |
| Mr. Chanter, | McEacharn, |
| Mr. Hume Cook, | Mr. A. McLean, |
| Mr. Cruickshank, | Mr. O'Malley, |
| Mr. Deakin, | Mr. Page, |
| Mr. Fisher, | Sir John Quick, |
| Sir John Forrest, | Mr. Ronald, |
| Mr. Fowler, | Mr. E. Solomon, |
| Sir Philip Fysh, | Mr. Spence, |
| Mr. L. E. Groom, | Mr. Tudor, |
| Mr. Higgins, | Sir George Turner, |
| Mr. Isaacs, | Mr. Watkins, |
| Mr. Kennedy, | Mr. Watson, |
| Mr. Knox, | Mr. Wilkinson. |
| Sir William Lyne, | <i>Tellers.</i> |
| Mr. Mahon, | |
| Mr. Manifold, | Mr. Chapman, |
| Mr. Mauger, | Mr. Clarke. |

Noes, 13.

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| Mr. Winter Cooke, | Mr. Thomson, |
| Mr. G. B. Edwards, | Mr. Wilks, |
| Mr. R. Edwards, | Mr. Willis. |
| Mr. Hartnoll, | |
| Mr. Hughes, | <i>Tellers.</i> |
| Mr. Kirwan, | |
| Mr. Paterson, | Mr. Joseph Cook, |
| Mr. Poynton, | Mr. Fuller. |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

4. ELECTORAL DIVISIONS OF TASMANIA—PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION.—Sir William Lyne moved, pursuant to notice, That this House approves of the proposed distribution of the State of Tasmania into five Divisions, named Darwin, Denison, Flinders, La Perouse, and Wilmot, as shown on the Map laid upon the Table of the House of Representatives on the 25th August, 1903.

Sir Philip Fysh moved, as an amendment, That the words “*Flinders, La Perouse*,” be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the words “*Northcote, Franklin*,” in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, in accordance with Standing Order No. 119, the debate was interrupted, and the Orders of the Day were called on.

5. SUPPLY.—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day for going into the Committee of Supply having been read—

Question proposed—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—NAVAL AGREEMENT BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 18.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to approve of an Agreement relating to the Naval Force on the Australian Station, entered into by the Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom and the Governments of the Commonwealth and of New Zealand, and to appropriate moneys for the purposes of that Agreement*,” to which it has agreed without amendments.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 27th August, 1903.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—HIGH COURT PROCEDURE BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 19.

The Senate acquaints the House of Representatives that it has agreed to the amendments recommended by His Excellency the Governor-General in the Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to regulate the Practice and Procedure of the High Court*” which were transmitted by the House of Representatives for concurrence.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 27th August, 1903.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

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8. PAPER.—Sir William Lyne presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
Customs Act 1901—Regulation fixing standard according to which duty shall be charged on
Condensed Whole Egg.

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the remaining Orders of the Day,
Government Business, be postponed until after the consideration of Notices of Motion, Nos. 1
and 2, Government Business.

10. ELECTORAL DIVISIONS OF TASMANIA—PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION.—The debate, interrupted at half-past
four o'clock by the Orders of the Day being called on, was resumed on the following motion, viz. :—
"That this House approves of the proposed distribution of the State of Tasmania into five
Divisions, named Darwin, Denison, Flinders, La Perouse, and Wilmot, as shown on the Map laid
upon the Table of the House of Representatives on the 25th August, 1903," and on the amend-
ment proposed thereto, viz.—That the words "Flinders, La Perouse," be omitted, with a view to
the insertion of the words "Northcote, Franklin," in place thereof.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put and negatived.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put and resolved in the affirma-
tive.

Then the Main Question, as so amended, was put, and was agreed to as follows :—

That this House approves of the proposed distribution of the State of Tasmania into five
Divisions, named Darwin, Denison, Northcote, [Franklin, and Wilmot, as shown on the Map
laid upon the table of the House of Representatives on the 25th August, 1903.

11. ELECTORAL DIVISIONS OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA—PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION.—Sir William Lyne moved,
pursuant to notice, That this House disapproves of the proposed distribution of the State of
Western Australia into five Divisions, named Coolgardie, Fremantle, Kalgoorlie, Perth, and
Western, as shown on the Maps laid upon the table of the House of Representatives on the 25th
of August, 1903.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 23.

Noes, 7.

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| Sir Edmund Barton, | Sir John Quick, |
| Sir Langdon | Mr. Ronald, |
| Bonython, | Mr. Salmon, |
| Mr. Chanter, | Mr. E. Solomon, |
| Mr. Clarke, | Mr. Spence, |
| Mr. Crouch, | Mr. Tudor, |
| Sir John Forrest, | Mr. Watkins, |
| Sir Philip Fysh, | Mr. Watson. |
| Mr. Kennedy, | |
| Sir William Lyne, | <i>Tellers.</i> |
| Mr. Mahon, | |
| Mr. McCay, | Mr. Chapman, |
| Mr. McDonald, | Mr. Fowler. |
| Mr. Page, | |

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| Mr. Joseph Cook, | <i>Tellers.</i> |
| Mr. G. B. Edwards, | |
| Mr. Fuller, | Mr. Kirwan, |
| Mr. Paterson, | Mr. Willis. |
| Mr. Thomson. | |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at thirty-one minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-
past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Bamford, Sir Edward Braddon*, Mr. Brown,
Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Glynn, Mr. A. C. Groom, Mr. Harper, Mr. Macdonald-
Paterson, Mr. McColl, Mr. F. E. McLean, Sir William McMillan, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Sawers,
Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, and Mr. V. L. Solomon.

* On leave.

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