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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 63.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 11TH AUGUST, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
 2. PETITION.—Mr. O'Malley presented a Petition from 169 residents of King Island, praying that the House will earnestly consider their needs in respect to telegraphic and telephonic communication, and the distribution of the mails.
Petition received and read.
 3. PAPERS.—Mr. Watson presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
Defence Act 1903—Military Forces—
Amendment of Regulations.—Part V. (dated 6th August, 1904.—Statutory Rules, 1904, No. 42).
Addition to the Financial and Allowance Regulations.—Part II., Section VA (dated 27th July, 1904.—Statutory Rules, 1904, No. 43).
Mr. Mahon presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
Post and Telegraph Act 1901—Regulations (to come into operation on 29th August, 1904.—Statutory Rules, 1904, No. 45).
 4. STANDING ORDERS.—MOTION FOR SUSPENSION.—Mr. Webster moved, That the Standing Orders be suspended to discuss a matter of urgent necessity, viz. :—"The policy and administration of the Government," also the attitude of the Opposition in relation to the conduct of the business of Parliament.
Debate ensued.
It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 119.
 5. POSTPONEMENT OF GENERAL BUSINESS.—Ordered, That the consideration of General Business be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 1, Government Business.
 6. COMMONWEALTH CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clauses 4, 37, 38, 39, 46, 48, 52, 67, 68, and 90 and Schedule B and the consideration of proposed new clauses 52A and 95A—and on the amendment proposed thereto, viz. :—That clause 48 be omitted from the clauses proposed to be recommitted—
Debate resumed.
Mr. McDonald moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
And after debate—
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 Order of the Day, General Business No. 1, be postponed until Thursday, the 25th instant; and that the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business No. 2, be postponed until Thursday, 8th September next.
 8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Watson moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.]
- And then the House, at eight minutes to 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. Fowler, Mr. Kingston, and Sir George Turner.

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