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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 52.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 8TH OCTOBER, 1907.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITIONS.—A Petition, praying that the proposed increased duties on pianos should not be agreed to, was presented as under :—
By Mr. McDonald—
From teachers of music resident in the Kennedy electorate, Queensland.
Mr. Dugald Thomson presented a Petition from 4,162 persons, members of the Women's Liberal Leagues of New South Wales and others, praying that the House will not pass the Tariff introduced on the 8th August, especially the items which render dearer, food, clothing, and other essentials used by the poorer classes.
Mr. Johnson presented a Petition from James Buchan and G. E. Ardill, styling themselves respectively chairman and honorary secretary of the Council of the Public Morals Association, praying that the House will direct that, before being printed for public circulation, the Report of the Royal Commission on Secret Drugs, Cures, and Foods be revised by a board of medical practitioners so that such portions may be eliminated as are likely, in the hands of unscrupulous persons, to lead to malpractices.
Petitions severally received.
3. PAPERS.—Mr. Mauger presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—
Census and Statistics Act—Statistics of the Commonwealth—
Trade, Shipping, Oversea Migration, and Finance—Bulletin No. 7, July, 1907.
Shipping and Oversea Migration, 1906.
Public Service Act—Regulation Amended, No. 104—Statutory Rules 1907, No. 100.
4. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress 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.
5. MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :—

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General.

Message No. 14.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and eight for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.*," as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

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Message No. 15.

A Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the Taxation by the States of Salaries and Allowances paid by the Commonwealth,*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

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6. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir William Lyne moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at thirteen minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Tilley Brown, Mr. Carr, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Livingston, Mr. McWilliams, Sir John Quick, Mr. Spence, and Mr. Wynne.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.