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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 32.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 16TH JULY, 1901.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITIONS.—Mr. Piesse presented a petition from certain ship-owners and agents of the Port of Hobart against clause 15 of the Inter-State Commission Bill.
Mr. R. Edwards presented a petition from certain persons interested in the cultivation and sale of oysters praying that such a duty may be placed upon oysters imported from beyond the Commonwealth as may enable the petitioners to compete upon terms of equality with the producers of such imported oysters.
Petitions severally received.
3. PAPERS.—Sir William Lyne presented—
Report of Conference *re* Federal Elections Bill.
Australian Transcontinental Railway, Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta *via* Tarcoola—Report by C. Y. O'Connor, Engineer-in-Chief of Western Australian Railways.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
Sir William Lyne presented—
Report and appendices, together with the Commonwealth Defence Bill, prepared by the Federal Military Committee assembled at Sydney, New South Wales.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 3, inclusive, be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 4.
5. CUSTOMS 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 a quorum of members was not present in the Committee; whereupon Mr. Speaker counted the House, and a quorum of members being then present, the House again 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.
6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Barton moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
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—The Attorney-General (The Honorable Alfred Deakin), The Minister of Defence (The Right Honorable Sir John Forrest, P.C., G.C.M.G.), Messrs. Brown, Cameron, Fowler, Glynn, W. H. Groom, Kennedy, Macdonald-Paterson, McDonald, F. E. McLean, Sir William McMillan, Messrs. Paterson, Phillips, Bruce Smith, and Willis.

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