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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 91.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH NOVEMBER, 1901.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITIONS.—Mr. R. Edwards presented a Petition from certain members of the Queensland Sugar-growers and Manufacturers' Union, praying that the House would permit a continuance of the introduction and employment of Polynesian labour (subject to such regulations as at present exist in the State of Queensland in relation thereto) until such time as a satisfactory and reliable substitute is available to take its place.
Mr. R. Edwards presented a similar Petition from certain other members of the Queensland Sugar-growers and Manufacturers' Union.
Petitions severally received.
3. ERROR IN DIVISION LIST.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that, in the Division which took place in the House on Friday afternoon last on the question of the adjournment of the House, the Tellers for the "Ayes" inadvertently recorded the name of the honorable Member for South Sydney, Mr. G. B. Edwards, instead of that of the honorable Member for Oxley, Mr. R. Edwards, and Mr. Speaker thereupon directed the Clerk to correct the Division List accordingly.
4. PACIFIC ISLAND LABOURERS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill having been read—Mr. R. Edwards moved, That this Bill be now referred to a Select Committee. Debate ensued.
Question—That the Bill be referred to a Select Committee—put and negatived.
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.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—POST AND TELEGRAPH BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 27.

The Senate acquaints the House of Representatives that it doth not insist on its amendments to amendments Nos. 16, 19, and 20 of the House of Representatives to which the House of Representatives has disagreed, and does not insist on its disagreement to amendment No. 6 of the House of Representatives upon which the House of Representatives insists in the Post and Telegraph Bill.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

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6. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Barton moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Messrs. Cameron, F. E. McLean, Sir William McMillan, Messrs. Sawers and Bruce Smith.

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