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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 103.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH NOVEMBER, 1901.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITIONS.—Mr. Poynton presented a Petition from certain persons resident in South Australia, praying that the House will give effect to the proposals set forth in the Petition for the retail trade of intoxicating liquors in the Federal Capital being exclusively owned and carried on by the Commonwealth.
Sir William McMillan presented a Petition from certain oyster lessees of New South Wales, praying that the duty on oysters imported into the Federal States may be increased to at least Three shillings per hundredweight.
Petitions severally received.
3. PAPER.—Sir Philip Fysh presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Memorandum *re* discontinuance of payment of £2,500 per annum for conveyance of newspapers by rail in New South Wales.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
4. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after midnight—

THURSDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER, 1901.

- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. McDonald 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 the Committee.
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- Mr. Speaker again resumed the Chair ; Mr. Chanter 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.

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5. ADJOURNMENT, AND TEMPORARY ALTERATION OF HOUR OF MEETING.—Mr. Barton moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at eleven o'clock a.m.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Barton moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at seventeen minutes past eleven o'clock in the evening, adjourned until to-morrow, at eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Messrs. Cameron, Ewing, Macdonald-Paterson, F. E. McLean, the Right Honorable G. H. Reid, P.C., and Mr. Bruce Smith.

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