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 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
 OF THE
 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 21ST JANUARY, 1902.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ASSASSINATION OF MR. MCKINLEY, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received the following letter from His Excellency the Governor-General :—

Commonwealth of Australia,
 Governor-General,
 Melbourne, 17th January, 1902.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 18th September last, I have now the honour to inform you that I have received a despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, intimating that a note has been received by His Majesty's Government from the United States Chargé d'Affaires in London, stating that the President and People of the United States have been deeply touched by the many kind expressions of condolence at the death of President McKinley, which have been sent through the British Government from all parts of Australia and New Zealand, carrying with them a most welcome assurance of friendship and goodwill.

2. Mr. White, the Chargé d'Affaires, was instructed by his Government to ask that an expression of the sincere and heartfelt gratitude with which these messages have been received by the President of the United States, should be conveyed to the House of Representatives.

3. Mr. White explains, on the behalf of His Government, that pressure of public business, attendant upon the death of President McKinley, has alone prevented an earlier message of appreciation of these evidences of friendship and deep feeling.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

HOPETOUN,
Governor-General.

The Honorable
 The Speaker of the House of Representatives.

3. PETITION.—Mr. Higgins presented a Petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the Australian citizen soldiers will be withdrawn from South Africa, and that the Commonwealth will plead for peace to be offered.
 Petition received.

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4. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker 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.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir George Turner moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—The Right Honorable Sir Edward Braddon, P.C., Messrs. Cameron, Kennedy, F. E. McLean, Sir William McMillan, Messrs. Piesse, V. L. Solomon, and Spence.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.