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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 129.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 7TH FEBRUARY, 1902.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER.—Mr. Barton presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Defence of Commerce and Ports—Report by Captain Creswell, Naval Commandant Queensland, on the Best Method of Employing Australian Seamen in the.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC SERVANTS IN THE GENERAL DIVISION.—Mr. Tudor moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of the House a Return showing the number of public servants in the General Division employed by the Commonwealth in each State who are over 21 years of age, and who have been more than three years in the service, distinguishing between males and females, particularizing—
 - (a) The number of ^{males} who receive less than £60 per annum, and the number of years they have been employed.
 - (b) The number of ^{males} who receive between £60 and £70 per annum, and the number of years they have been employed.
 - (c) The number of ^{males} who receive between £70 and £80 per annum, and the number of years they have been employed.
 - (d) The number of ^{males} who receive between £80 and £90 per annum, and the number of years they have been employed.
 - (e) The number of ^{males} who receive between £90 and £100 per annum, and the number of years they have been employed.
 - (f) The number of ^{males} who receive between £100 and £110 per annum, and the number of years they have been employed.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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 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.
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, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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5. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Barton moved, 'That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next. Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—PUBLIC SERVICE BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 35.

The Senate has agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act for the regulation of the Public Service,*" with the amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, to which it desires the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 7th February, 1902.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Barton moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at two minutes to four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next, 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.), Mr Batchelor, the Right Honorable Sir Edward Braddon, P.C., Messrs. Cameron, Isaacs, McCay Sir Malcolm McEacharn, Messrs. A. McLean, Page, Piesse, Bruce Smith, Sydney Smith, Spence, and Watkins.

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