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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 153.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH MARCH, 1902.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITIONS.—Sir Malcolm McEacharn presented a Petition from certain importers and traders in cotton and linen piece goods, praying that the whole of these goods may be placed on the free list, or that an all-round duty may be imposed on them, as the wisdom of the House may decide, and that the Tariff may be amended accordingly.
Mr. Glynn presented a Petition from certain electors of the Commonwealth, praying that the House will sanction a federal project for the improvement of the navigability and conservation of the waters of the Rivers Murray and Darling, together constituting channels for Inter-State commerce.
Mr. Glynn presented a similar Petition from certain electors of the Commonwealth.
Petitions severally received.
3. QUEENSLAND SUGAR-GROWERS CLAIMING REBATE ON CANE GROWN BY WHITE LABOUR.—Mr. Bamford moved, pursuant to notice, That a Return be laid upon the Table of this House, showing the number of farmers in each sugar-growing district in Queensland who have registered their intention of claiming rebate on cane grown by white labour.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, after debate, That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 to 4 inclusive, be postponed until after the consideration of Orders of the Day, Nos. 5 to 7 inclusive.
5. DISCHARGE OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The following Orders of the Day were read and, on the motion of Mr. Barton, discharged:—
Inter-State Commission Bill—Second Reading—Resumption of Debate.
Defence Bill—Further consideration in Committee.
Conciliation and Arbitration Bill—Second Reading.
Ordered—That the said Bills be withdrawn.
6. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Chanter, as Deputy-Speaker, took the Chair; Mr. Batchelor reported that the Committee had come to certain resolutions with respect to Duties of Customs and of Excise.
Mr. Batchelor also acquainted the House that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
Sir George Turner moved, pursuant to notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the resolutions to be recommitted this day.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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Sir George Turner moved, That the resolutions be now recommitted to the Committee of Ways and Means for the reconsideration of certain specified items.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Sir George Turner (for Mr. V. L. Solomon) moved, That item 55, viz., Tea, be also recommitted.

Question—put and negatived.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Batchelor reported that the Committee had made progress in the portions of the resolutions referred to it, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the House will, on Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. ADJOURNMENT FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-nine minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—The Minister of Defence (the Right Honorable Sir John Forrest, P.C., G.C.M.G.), the Honorable Sir Philip Fysh, K.C.M.G., the Right Honorable Sir Edward Braddon, P.C., Messrs. Brown, Cameron, Clarke, Hume Cook, G. B. Edwards, Higgins, F. E. McLean, the Right Honorable G. H. Reid, P.C., Messrs. Salmon, Skene, Bruce Smith, and Spence.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.