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# THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

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#### VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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#### REPRESENTATIVES. HOUSE OF

## THURSDAY, 21st AUGUST, 1902.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.-Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PETITION.-Sir Langdon Bonython presented a Petition from Joseph Robertson and C. Eaton Taplin, styling themselves respectively President and Honorary Secretary of the Council of Churches of 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.

Petition received and read.

3. PAPER.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Acting Governor-General-Pearl-shelling Industry in North-West Australia-Report by M. S. Warton, Esquire, Resident Magistrate and Sub-collector of Customs, Broome, on the.

Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.

4. ROYAL COMMISSIONS BILL .- Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to Royal Commissions. Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative. Ordered—That Mr. Deakin and Sir William Lyne do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Mr. Deakin then brought up a Bill intituled "A Bill for an Act relating to Royal Commissions," and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time. Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

5. EXPENDITURE UPON GOVERNMENT HOUSES AND UPON FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.-Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to amended notice, That the House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following motion :--That an expenditure upon Government Houses of £5,500 a year, and upon the Federal Executive Council of £1,925 a year, as submitted in the statement ordered to be printed on the 7th inst., is approved. Debate ensued.

Question-put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. SUPPLY.—The Order of the Day for going into the Committee of Supply having been read— Question proposed, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241-That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived. Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.-Mr. Deakin moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next.

Question-put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

- And then the House, at six minutes to five o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next, at half-past two o'clock p.m.
- MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—The Prime Minister\* (the Right Honorable Sir Edmund Barton, P.C., G.C.M.G.), the Minister of Defence\* (the Right Honorable Sir John Forrest, P.C., G.C.M.G.), Messrs. Cameron, Chapman,\* Cruickshank,\* Ewing, Fisher,\* Glynn, Harper,\* Hughes, Knox,\* Macdonald-Paterson, Mahon, McColl, A. McLean, F. E. McLean, Sir William McMillan, K.C.M.G., Messrs. Page, Phillips, Poynton, the Right Honorable G. H. Reid, P.C., Messrs. Sawers, Bruce Smith, Spence, Thomson, Watson, and Willis.

\* On leave.

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