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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 18.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 25TH JUNE, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITIONS.—Mr. Sydney Smith presented a Petition from Magnus Goldring, of Sydney, in reference to the seizure and detention by the Customs Department of certain invoices, stock books, and goods belonging to the petitioner, and praying that the House will inquire into his case and redress his grievances by getting appointed a nominal defendant to enable the petitioner to pursue an action against the Government; also by obtaining for him his original books and documents or properly certified copies thereof, and that the House will endeavour to assist to get justice done to him.  
Mr. McColl presented a Petition from certain persons resident in the northern district of Victoria and the Riverina district of New South Wales in reference to the great loss and distress constantly recurring owing to the inadequate rainfall in those districts, and praying that the House will authorize steps to be taken to immediately obtain all necessary preliminary information for the utilization of the waters of the Rivers Murray, Murrumbidgee, and Darling, and thereupon proceed to carry out the construction of works of storage, diversion, channelling, and locking for the permanent settlement and prosperity of the said districts.  
Petitions severally received and read.
3. SUPPLY.—Pursuant to the provision of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day for going into the Committee of Supply having been read—  
Question proposed—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.
4. JUDICIARY BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Chanter reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, 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.
5. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Edmund Barton moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Sir Edward Braddon, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Clarke, Mr. A. C. Groom, Mr. Harper, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Macdonald-Paterson\*, Mr. F. E. McLean, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Reid, and Mr. Bruce Smith.

\* On leave.

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