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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 20.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 30TH JUNE, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented by Sir George Turner, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

TENNYSON,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 5.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of The Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and four.

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of Supply.

3. PETITIONS.—Mr. Knox presented a Petition from the President, Members of the Council, and Members of the Melbourne Chamber of Commerce, under the common seal of the said chamber, praying that sub-section (1) of section 16 of the *Post and Telegraph Act 1901*, which provides that contracts for the carriage of mails shall contain a condition that only white labour shall be employed in such carriage, may be repealed.

Mr. Sydney Smith presented a Petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth in reference to the case of *Goldring v. the Collector of Customs, New South Wales*, praying that the House will forthwith adopt measures to bring the Minister of Customs and his officers under the immediate jurisdiction of some court of law wherein any citizen may claim those rights which have existed from time immemorial, and, further, that justice may be done to all.

Petitions severally received and read.

4. PAPER.—Mr. Deakin presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—

Public Service Act 1902—Appointment of Mr. Charles Powers to be Crown Solicitor—Papers relating to.

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5. DEFENCE BILL.—Sir John Forrest moved, pursuant to notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Naval and Military Defence and Protection of the Commonwealth and of the several States.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That Sir John Forrest do prepare and bring in the Bill.
Sir John Forrest then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to provide for the Naval and Military Defence and Protection of the Commonwealth and of the several States,*” 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.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business No. 1, be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 2.
7. HIGH COURT PROCEDURE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Deakin moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
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, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
8. 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 gone through the Bill and agreed to the same with amendments.
Mr. Deakin moved, by leave, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clauses 10, 11, 20, 21, 22, 24, 28, 32, 34, 36, 38, 41, 45, 55, 58, 64, 72, 74, and the heading of Part VI.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
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 reconsidered the portions of the Bill referred to it, and had agreed to the same with further amendments.
Mr. Deakin moved, by leave, That the Bill be again recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clauses 4 and 7.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
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 reconsidered the portions of the Bill referred to it, and had agreed to the same with further amendments.
Ordered—That the consideration of the Reports be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
9. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Edmund Barton moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
- And then the House, at fifteen 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—Sir Langdon Bonython, Sir Edward Braddon, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Winter Cooke, Mr. Cruickshank, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Macdonald-Paterson*, Mr. F. E. McLean, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Salmon, Mr. Sawers, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. V. L. Solomon, Mr. Spence, and Mr. Thomas.

* On leave.

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