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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 22.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 2ND JULY, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITION.—Mr. Glynn presented a Petition from certain electors of South Australia against the passing of the Judiciary Bill on the ground that a great saving yearly would be effected if the proposed High Court were constituted of the Chief Justices of three of the States, and praying that the House will amend the Bill accordingly.  
Petition received and read.
3. PAPERS.—Sir Edmund Barton presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Eastern Extension Company—Correspondence and Papers relating to Agreements between the States of New South Wales, South Australia, Western Australia, and Tasmania, and the Eastern Extension Company, and relating to an Agreement between the Government of the Commonwealth and the said Company.  
*Vondel*—Correspondence between the Secretary of State for the Colonies, the Government of the Commonwealth, and the Government of the State of South Australia, with reference to the case of the ship *Vondel*.  
Mail Contracts—Correspondence relating to contracts for the carriage of Mails between England and Australia, *vid Suez*.  
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 and 2, be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 3.
5. NAVAL AGREEMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 4 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 agreed to a certain resolution.  
Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.  
And thereupon the said resolution was read, and is as follows :—  
*Resolved*—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to approve of an Agreement relating to the Naval Force on the Australian Station entered into by the Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom and the Governments of the Commonwealth and of New Zealand, and to appropriate moneys for the purposes of that Agreement.  
And the said resolution was adopted by the House.  
Ordered—That Sir Edmund Barton do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

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6. NAVAL AGREEMENT BILL.—Sir Edmund Barton then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to approve of an Agreement relating to the Naval Force on the Australian Station entered into by the Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom and the Governments of the Commonwealth and of New Zealand, and to appropriate moneys for the purposes of that Agreement,*” 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.
7. JUDICIARY BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Reports from the Committee of the whole House on this Bill having been read—Mr. Deakin moved, That the Reports be now adopted.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.  
Ordered—That the third reading be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
8. HIGH COURT PROCEDURE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole House on this Bill having been read—Mr. Deakin moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clauses 1, 2, 3, 8, 14, 21, 32, Part V. of the Bill, and the Schedules, and for the consideration of a proposed new clause.  
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 Reports from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill be now adopted.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.  
Ordered—That the third reading be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
9. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Edmund Barton moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
10. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SENATE ELECTIONS BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—  
MR. SPEAKER, *Message No. 5.*  
The Senate has passed a Bill intituled “*An Act to make further provision for the Election of Senators,*” to which it desires the concurrence of the House of Representatives.  
R. C. BAKER,  
The Senate, President.  
Melbourne, 2nd July, 1903.
11. SENATE ELECTIONS BILL.—Sir Edmund Barton moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled “*A Bill for an Act to make further provision for the Election of Senators,*” 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.
12. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—  
MR. SPEAKER, *Message No. 6.*  
The Senate has agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled “*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and four,*” without requests.  
R. C. BAKER,  
The Senate, President.  
Melbourne, 2nd July, 1903.
13. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Edmund Barton moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
- And then the House, at seven minutes past six o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Sir Edward Braddon, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Cruickshank, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Macdonald-Paterson\*, Mr. McColl, Mr. F. E. McLean, Mr. Reid, Mr. Sawers, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Sydney Smith.

\* On leave.

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