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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 28.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 16TH JULY, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITIONS.—Mr. Chapman presented a Petition from certain electors of New South Wales praying that, in view of the recent drought and the consequent emigration of many workmen, speedy provision may be made by the House for the passage of an Iron Bonus Bill, which will give substantial encouragement to private enterprise in developing the iron industry.  
Petition received and read.  
Mr. Clarke presented a similar Petition from certain electors of New South Wales.  
Petition received.
3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented by Sir William Lyne, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—  

TENNYSON,  
*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 8.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act to make further provision for the Election of Senators,*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.  
Government House.
4. PAPER.—Sir Edmund Barton presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
War Office and Admiralty Supplies—Correspondence with reference to.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.
5. SUPPLY.—Pursuant to the provisions 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.
6. NAVAL AGREEMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time, and on the following amendment, viz.:—That the word "now" be omitted from, and that the words "this day six months" be added to, the question, having been read—  
Debate resumed.  
Mr. Sawers called the attention of Mr. Speaker to the fact that a quorum of Members was not present.  
The bells having been rung, and a quorum having been obtained—  
Debate continued.  
Mr. Kennedy moved, That the debate be now adjourned.  
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.  
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

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7. DEFENCE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Mr. G. B. Edwards moved, That the debate be now adjourned.  
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.  
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday next.
8. BRITISH NEW GUINEA ADMINISTRATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 7, 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. McDonald 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 provide for the acceptance of British New Guinea as a Territory under the authority of the Commonwealth, and for the Government thereof.  
And the said resolution was adopted by the House.  
Ordered—That Sir Edmund Barton and Mr. Deakin do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.
9. PAPUA (BRITISH NEW GUINEA) BILL.—Sir Edmund Barton then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to provide for the acceptance of British New Guinea as a Territory under the authority of the Commonwealth, and for the Government thereof,*" 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 Wednesday next.
10. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Edmund Barton moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
11. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Edmund Barton moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at thirty-two minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Bamford, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Glynn, Mr. A. C. Groom, Mr. Harper, Mr. Macdonald-Paterson, Mr. McColl, Mr. F. E. McLean, Sir William McMillan, Sir John Quick, and Mr. Reid.

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