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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 36.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 31ST JULY, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITIONS.—Petitions, praying that, in the measures proposed to be passed by the House for the government and control of British New Guinea, it will be enacted that the introduction, sale, and manufacture of intoxicating liquors shall be absolutely prohibited, were presented as under:—
  - By Sir Philip Fysh—
    - From certain electors of Glenorchy, Tasmania.
    - From certain electors of Hobart.
  - By Mr. McCay—
    - From certain electors of Corinella, Victoria.
  - By Mr. V. L. Solomon—
    - From certain electors of South Australia (three Petitions).
 Petitions severally received.
3. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. McDonald rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The basis of representation in the House of Representatives."
  - Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and five Members having accordingly risen—
  - Mr. McDonald moved, That the House do now adjourn.
  - Mr. L. E. Groom addressing the House, and not having, in compliance with Standing Order No. 39, concluded his speech within fifteen minutes, the honorable Member was, by leave of the House, allowed to continue his speech.
  - Debate continued.
  - Sir William Lyne addressing the House, and not having, in compliance with Standing Order No. 39, concluded his speech within fifteen minutes, the honorable Member was, by leave of the House, allowed to continue his speech.
  - Debate continued.
  - Question—That the House do now adjourn—put and negatived.
4. PAPUA (BRITISH NEW GUINEA) 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.

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5. MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented by Sir George Turner, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :—

TENNYSON,  
*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 12.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for a Bounty to Growers of Sugar-cane and Beet,*" 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.

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TENNYSON,  
*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 13.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act to Abolish the Rebate of Excise Duty on Sugar,*" 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.

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6. 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 three minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Sir Langdon Bonython, Sir Edward Braddon, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hartnoll, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Macdonald-Paterson, Mr. McColl, Mr. F. E. McLean, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Reid, and Mr. Bruce Smith.

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