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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 43.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 13TH AUGUST, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (SIR EDWARD BRADDON).—Mr. Reid moved, by leave, That leave of absence for one month be granted to the honorable Member for Tasmania (Sir Edward Braddon), on the ground of ill-health.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
3. PAPER.—The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk-Assistant :—
Customs Prosecutions.—Return to Orders of the House, dated respectively 12th and 26th June, 1903.
4. ELECTORAL DIVISIONS OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA—PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION.—Sir William Lyne moved, pursuant to notice, That this House approves of the proposed distribution of the State of South Australia into seven divisions, named Adelaide, Port Adelaide, Angas, Barker, Chamberlain, East Torrens, and Flinders, and shown on the maps laid upon the Table of the House of Representatives on the 7th July last.
Mr. Batchelor moved, as an amendment, That the word “approves” be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the word “disapproves” in place thereof.
Debate ensued.
Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Harper moved, as an amendment, That the words “Port Adelaide” be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the word “Hindmarsh” in place thereof.
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put and negated.
Question—That the word proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Harper moved, as a further amendment, That the word “Chamberlain” be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the word “Wakefield” in place thereof.
Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put and negated.
Question—That the word proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Deakin moved, as a further amendment, That the words “East Torrens” be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the word “Boothby” in place thereof.
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put and negated.
Question—That the word proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Wilks moved, as a further amendment, That the word “Flinders” be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the word “Grey” in place thereof.
Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put and negated.
Question—That the word proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Question—That this House approves of the proposed distribution of the State of South Australia into seven Divisions, named Adelaide, Hindmarsh, Angas, Barker, Wakefield, Boothby, and Grey, and shown on the maps laid upon the Table of the House of Representatives on the 7th July last—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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5. ELECTORAL DIVISIONS OF VICTORIA—PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION.—Sir William Lyne moved, pursuant to notice, That this House disapproves of the proposed distribution of the State of Victoria into twenty-three Divisions, named Balaclava, Ballarat, Bendigo, Bourke, Corangamite, Corinella, Corio, Flemington, Flinders, Gippsland, Grampians, Indi, Jika, Kooyong, Laanecoorie, Melbourne, Melbourne Ports, Mernda, Moira, Toorak, Wannon, Wimmera, Yarra, and shown on the maps laid upon the Table of the House of Representatives on the 21st July last.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Bamford,	Mr. McDonald,
Sir Edmund Barton,	Mr. A. McLean,
Sir Langdon	Mr. Page,
Bonython,	Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Poynton,
Mr. Clarke,	Sir John Quick,
Mr. Winter Cooke,	Mr. Ronald,
Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Sawers,
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. E. Solomon,
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Spence,
Sir Philip Fysh,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. Watson.
Mr. Knox,	
Sir William Lyne,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mauger,	
Mr. McCay,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. McColl,	Mr. L. E. Groom.

Noes, 9.

Mr. Conroy,	Mr. Willis.
Mr. Mahon,	
Mr. F. E. McLean,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. O'Malley,	
Mr. Paterson,	Mr. Tudor,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Wilks.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Edmund Barton moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at 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. Brown, Mr. Cruickshank, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. A. C. Groom, Mr. Macdonald-Paterson, and Mr. Bruce Smith.

* On leave.

WALTER A. GALE, *Clerk-Assistant,*
for Clerk of the House of Representatives.