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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 48.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 21ST AUGUST, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. TASMANIAN DEFENCE FORCES—POSITION OF.—Mr. Hartnoll moved, pursuant to notice, That a copy of all correspondence from the Tasmanian Ministry, and copies of all reports from the State Commandant or the Senior Officer Commanding in Tasmania, relating to the exceptional proposal to place the Tasmanian Defence Forces in a position different to those in other States of the Commonwealth, be laid upon the Table of the House.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
3. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time, having been read—
Debate resumed.
Mr. A. McLean 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.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—JUDICIARY BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—
MR. SPEAKER, *Message No. 17.*
The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to make provision for the Exercise of the Judicial Power of the Commonwealth,*" and acquaints the House of Representatives that the Senate has agreed to the amendment made by the House in amendment No. 19 of the Senate.
The Senate, R. C. BAKER,
Melbourne, 21st August, 1903. President.
5. DEFENCE 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.
Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clauses 28, 58, and 112.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House again 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.
Sir John Forrest moved, by leave, That the Report 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.

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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 seven 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 Edward Braddon*, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Joseph Cook, Mr. Winter Cooke, Mr. Cruickshank, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Glynn, Mr. A. C. Groom, Mr. Harper, Mr. Kennedy, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Macdonald-Paterson, Mr. McColl, Sir Malcolm McEacharn, Mr. F. E. McLean, Mr. Sawers, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Watson.

* On leave.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Clerk of the House of Representatives