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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 49.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 25TH AUGUST, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITIONS.—Petitions, 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, were presented as under :—
 - By Sir Philip Fysh—
From 1,750 electors of Tasmania.
 - By Mr. Chanter—
From certain electors of New South Wales.
 Petitions severally received.
 - Mr. Knox presented a Petition from Fredk. T. Derham and others, styling themselves respectively President, Vice-Presidents, and executive officers of the Victorian Employers' Federation, praying that the House will not pass the Conciliation and Arbitration Bill.
Petition received and read.
 - Mr. Watkins presented a Petition from David Morton, styling himself President, and others, of the Masters and Engineers' Association of New South Wales, praying that the Conciliation and Arbitration Bill may be amended so as to equally apply to all vessels engaging in the Australian coastal trades, whether Australian, oversea, or foreign.
Petition received and read.
 Similar Petitions were presented as under :—
 - By Mr. Watson—
From Edward Riley, styling himself President, and others, of the Sydney Labour Council, Sydney, New South Wales.
 - By Mr. Page—
From R. Cirling, styling himself President, and others, of the Mercantile Marine Officers' Association of Australasia.
 Petitions severally received.
3. PAPER.—The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
Tasmanian Defence Forces—Position of.—Return to an Order of the House dated 21st August, 1903.

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4. DEFENCE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the third reading of this Bill having been read—Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.
5. 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. Watkins moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
And, after debate—
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 to-morrow.
6. PAPERS.—Sir John Forrest presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Federal Capital—A short review of the contents of the report of the Commonwealth Commissioners on Sites for the Seat of Government of the Commonwealth (with Annexures), by Alexr. Oliver, New South Wales, State Commissioner to inquire into and inspect Sites for the Seat of Government of the Commonwealth.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
Sir John Forrest presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
Electoral Act 1902—
Report of the Commissioner (Mr. E. A. Counsel) appointed to distribute the State of Tasmania into Divisions, together with Maps showing the name and boundaries of each proposed Division.
Report of the Commissioner (Mr. H. F. Johnston) appointed to distribute the State of Western Australia into Divisions, together with Maps showing the name and boundaries of each proposed Division.
7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-five minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Bamford, Sir Edmund Barton, Mr. Batchelor, Sir Langdon Bonython, Sir Edward Braddon*, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Fuller, Mr. A. C. Groom, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Macdonald-Paterson, Mr. McCay, Mr. F. E. McLean, Sir William McMillan, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Sawers, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, and Mr. V. L. Solomon.

* On leave.

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