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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 52.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 28TH AUGUST, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITIONS.—Mr. R. Edwards presented a Petition from 107 employers of labour in Queensland, praying that the House will preserve the principle of voluntary agreement or conciliation between employer and employé or submit the Conciliation and Arbitration Bill to the consideration of the electors of Queensland and the Commonwealth.
Petition received and read.
Mr. R. Edwards presented a similar Petition from 94 employers of labour in Queensland.
Petitions, 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, were presented as under :—
By Mr. Joseph Cook—
From John H. Fraser, styling himself President, and others, of the Lithgow District Smelters and Workers Industrial Union of Employés.
From James Crawford and others, styling themselves respectively President and executive officers of the Coal Miners' Mutual Protective Association of the Western District, New South Wales.
From D. Jones and others, styling themselves respectively President and members of the Eskbank Ironworkers' Association of Mill and Forge Workers.
Petitions severally received.
3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (MR. MACDONALD-PATERSON).—Mr. L. E. Groom moved, by leave, That leave of absence for a fortnight be granted to the honorable Member for Brisbane (Mr. Macdonald-Paterson).
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Kirwan reported that the Committee had made progress, 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 Mr. Deakin and Sir Edmund Barton respectively, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :—

TENNYSON,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 17.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act to regulate the Practice and Procedure of the High Court*" 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 and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

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TENNYSON,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 18.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act to approve of an Agreement relating to the Naval Force on the Australian Station, entered into by the Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom, and the Governments of the Commonwealth and of New Zealand, and to appropriate moneys for the purposes of that Agreement*" 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 and on behalf 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 twenty-four minutes to four 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. Batchelor, Sir Edward Braddon*, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Glynn, Mr. A. C. Groom, Mr. Harper, Mr. Macdonald-Paterson*, Mr. McColl, Sir Malcolm McEacharn, Mr. F. E. McLean, Sir William McMillan, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Sawers, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. V. L. Solomon, and Mr. Thomas.

* On leave.

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