

1904.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 28.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 2ND JUNE, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. WATER CONSERVATION—MURRAY RIVER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—
 - (1) That, in the opinion of this House, the prosperity of Australia as a whole, and the development of the interior more especially, depends on the utilization of its waters.
 - (2) That this great question should receive the early attention of the Government of the Commonwealth.
 - (3) That it is desirable that a scheme of conserving and locking the waters of the River Murray, in the interests of irrigation and navigation, should be formulated and carried out by joint action on the part of the Commonwealth and the States of New South Wales, South Australia, and Victoria, and that the Government should take such steps as it may deem necessary to bring about such joint action without delay.
 - (4) That the petition received by this House from certain residents in the Northern district of Victoria and the Riverina district of New South Wales on the 25th June, 1903, be taken into consideration in conjunction with this motion—

Debate resumed.
Mr. Batchelor 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 Thursday, 30th instant.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 2, General Business, be postponed until Thursday, 14th July next.
4. FLAG OF THE COMMONWEALTH.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That, in the opinion of this House, the Australian flag as officially selected should be flown upon all forts, vessels, saluting places, and public buildings of the Commonwealth upon all occasions when flags are used—

Mr. Bamford moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
And after debate—
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and negatived.
Debate on main question continued.
Question—That, in the opinion of this House, the Australian flag as officially selected should be flown upon all forts, vessels, saluting places, and public buildings of the Commonwealth upon all occasions when flags are used—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. SUPPLY.—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—

Question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and negatived.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.
6. PAPER.—Mr. Fisher presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
Patents Act 1903—Provisional Regulations (dated 31st May, 1904).

2nd June, 1904.

7. COMMONWEALTH CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Salmon 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, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Watson moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Joseph Cook, Mr. Harper, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Sir George Turner, and Mr. Willis.

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