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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 60.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 4TH AUGUST, 1904.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITIONS.—Mr. Deakin presented a Petition from Jessie S. Rooke (of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union) and Louisa Ardill, styling themselves electors of Burnie, Tasmania, and Sydney, New South Wales, respectively, praying that, in the measures proposed to be passed by the House for the government and control of British New Guinea, it will be enacted that the introduction, sale, and manufacture of intoxicating liquors shall be absolutely prohibited.
Petition received and read.
Similar Petitions were presented as under :—
By Mr. Carpenter—
From certain electors, belonging to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, in Western Australia.
By Mr. Johnson—
From certain electors of Brisbane (belonging to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union).
By Mr. McWilliams—
From certain electors of Tasmania (belonging to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union).
Petitions severally received.
3. CUSTOMS TARIFF RE-ADJUSTMENT.—Mr. Hume Cook moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the existing Customs Tariff is unscientific in its operation and mischievous in its effects; and that, with a special view to the promotion of the agricultural and manufacturing industries and the more settled employment of all classes of workers, a re-adjustment of its incidence on some of its leading lines is highly desirable.
Mr. Mauger 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, 1st September next.
4. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Watson moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. PAPERS.—Mr. Watson presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
Defence Act 1903.—Military Forces—
Amendment of Financial and Allowance Regulations (Provisional).—Part VI., par. 136, and Part VII., par. 200A (dated 23rd July, 1904.—Statutory Rules 1904, No. 40).
Amendment of Regulations (Provisional).—Part XVI., Rifle Clubs (dated 23rd July, 1904.—Statutory Rules 1904, No. 41).
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Thursday, 18th instant.

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7. 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, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
8. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Batchelor 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, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Batchelor moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at eight minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Cameron, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lonsdale, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Thomas, Sir George Turner, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Webster, Mr. Willis, and Mr. Wilson.

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