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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 10.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 2ND AUGUST, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITIONS.—Mr. Bamford presented a Petition from Ralph G. Johnson and others, sugar-cane farmers and residents of the Herbert River, North Queensland, praying that the bonus now being paid on sugar cane grown by white labour be continued for a period of at least ten years after 1906; that certain amendments be made in the *Sugar Bounty Act* 1903 regarding the employment of coloured labour; that the time for the deportation of Polynesians be extended; and that the Immigration Restriction Act be amended as regards labour under agreement being admitted from other countries.
Petition received and read.
Petitions, praying that stringent prohibitory legislation, such as is in force in New Zealand, against the importation of opium for smoking, may be enacted, were presented by Mr. Harper, as under :—
From W. S. Rolland and George Tait, styling themselves respectively Moderator and Clerk of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria.
From B. T. Buntine and others, citizens of Campbellfield and elsewhere, Victoria.
Petitions severally received.
3. COMMERCE BILL (No. 2).—Sir William Lyne moved, pursuant to notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to Commerce with other Countries.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That Sir William Lyne do prepare and bring in the Bill.
Sir William Lyne then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Commerce with other Countries*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
4. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES—ELECTION.—Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to notice—
 - (1) That the House do now proceed to the election of a Chairman of Committees.
 - (2) That, in the event of more than two Members being proposed for the position, the election shall be by open exhaustive ballot, and that so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the House adopting such course.
 Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Crouch having proposed the honorable Member for Laanecoorie (Mr. Carty Salmon) and Mr. Storrer having proposed the honorable Member for Riverina (Mr. John Moore Chanter) and no other Member having been proposed—
After Debate—
Motion made—That the honorable Member for Laanecoorie (Mr. Carty Salmon) be appointed Chairman of Committees of this House.
Amendment proposed—That the words "Laanecoorie (Mr. Carty Salmon)" be omitted, with a view to insert in place thereof the words "Riverina (Mr. John Moore Chanter)."
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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The House divided—

Ayes, 35.		Noes, 27.	
Sir Langdon	Mr. Lee,	Mr. Bamford,	Mr. McDonald,
Bonython,	Mr. Liddell,	Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. Poynton,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. McCay,	Mr. Culpin,	Mr. Ronald,
Mr. Conroy,	Mr. McWilliams,	Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Storrer,
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Phillips,	Mr. Fowler,	Mr. David Thomson,
Mr. Crouch,	Sir John Quick,	Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Reid,	Mr. Groom,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. G. B. Edwards,	Mr. Robinson,	Mr. Higgins,	Mr. Webster,
Mr. R. Edwards,	Mr. Skene,	Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Wilkinson.
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Isaacs,	
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Kennedy,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Fuller,	Sir George Turner,	Sir William Lyne,	
Sir Philip Fysh,	Mr. Wilson.	Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Gibb,		Mr. Mauger,	Mr. Tudor.
Mr. Glynn,	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Mr. Harper,			
Mr. Johnson,	Mr. Hume Cook,		
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Wilks.		
Mr. Knox,			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the honorable Member for Laanecoorie (Mr. Carty Salmon) be appointed Chairman of Committees of this House—put and resolved in the affirmative.

5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Nos. 1 to 4 inclusive, be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 8.
6. PAPUA (BRITISH NEW GUINEA) BILL—RESUMPTION OF PROCEEDINGS AT STAGE REACHED LAST SESSION.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That, under Standing Order No. 214A, the proceedings on the Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to provide for the acceptance of British New Guinea as a Territory under the authority of the Commonwealth, and for the Government thereof,*” which were interrupted by the Prorogation of the Parliament on Thursday, the 15th day of December, 1904, be resumed at the stage then reached in connexion with the said Bill, and that the further consideration in Committee of the whole House of the amendments made by the Senate in the Bill be made an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting—
Debate resumed.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. JURY EXEMPTION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—
Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
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 gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.
On the motion of Mr. Groom the House adopted the Report, and ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the third reading to be moved this day.
Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

8. TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES.—The following Warrant, nominating Temporary Chairmen of Committees, pursuant to Standing Order No. 25, was laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker :—

The Parliament of the Commonwealth.

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Pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order numbered 25, I do hereby nominate—

The Honorable Egerton Lee Batchelor,
The Honorable Samuel Mauger,
The Honorable Charles McDonald, and
The Honorable William Henry Wilks

to act as Temporary Chairmen of Committees when requested so to do by the Chairman of Committees.

Given under my hand this second day of August, One thousand nine hundred and five.

F. W. HOLDER,
Speaker.

9. EVIDENCE BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Isaacs moved that the Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time

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On the motion of Mr. Isaacs the House adopted the Report, and ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the third reading to be moved this day.

Mr. Isaacs moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

10. SECRET COMMISSIONS BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Isaacs moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Reid 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.

11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Nos. 1 to 3 inclusive, be postponed until to-morrow.

12. TRADE MARKS BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Mr. Isaacs moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Reid 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 to-morrow.

13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Brown, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Mahon, Mr. McColl, Mr. McLcan, Mr. Spence, and Mr. Dugald Thomson.

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