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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 18.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH AUGUST, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER.—Mr. Ewing presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
Defence Acts 1903-4—Military Forces—Amendment of Regulations—Part VIII., Militia Forces, paragraphs 37 and 46.—Statutory Rules, 1905, No. 50.
3. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Cameron rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The injurious effect that the Act called the *Sea-Carriage of Goods Act 1904* is exercising on Australian trade in perishable products with the East." Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—Mr. Cameron moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—JURY EXEMPTION BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—
MR. SPEAKER, *Message No. 3.*
The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to Exempt certain Persons holding Public Positions in the Commonwealth from Serving as Jurors,*" to which it has agreed without amendment.
R. C. BAKER,
The Senate, President.
Melbourne, 16th August, 1905.
5. ALTERATION OF TIME FOR NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to notice, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at a quarter-past three o'clock.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
6. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (MR. KINGSTON).—Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to notice, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Adelaide (Mr. Kingston), on the ground of ill-health.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
7. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (MR. MCCOLL).—Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to notice, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Echuca (Mr. McColl), on the ground of urgent private business.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
8. COMMERCE BILL (No. 2).—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Johnson 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,

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9. 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 a quarter-past three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Brown, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kingston*, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Mahon, Mr. McColl*, Mr. McLean, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. David Thomson, Sir George Turner, and Mr. Willis.

* On leave.

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