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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 33.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 2ND AUGUST, 1906.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. Ewing presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
  - Defence Department—
    - Memorandum by the Minister of State for Defence on the Estimates of the Defence Department for the Financial Year 1906-7.
    - Statement showing the amounts standing to the credit of clothing and contingent accounts of each corps of the Commonwealth Military Forces on 30th June, 1905, and also the allowance for 1905-6.
 Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
  - Mr. Ewing presented, pursuant to the direction of several Acts of Parliament—
    - Defence Acts 1903-1904—Military Forces—Financial and Allowance Regulations—Addition to paragraph 224—(Medical officers)—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 53.
  - Sir William Lyne presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
    - Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act 1905—Provisional Regulations.—Statutory Rules 1906, No. 52.
3. PATENT MEDICINES, APPLIANCES, ETC.—EXAMINATION OF, ON IMPORT.—Mr. Thomas moved, pursuant to notice—
  - (1) That, in the opinion of this House, in the interest of the health of the community of Australia, it is desirable that all patent or proprietary medicines, all infantile and artificial foods, all medical and surgical appliances which purport to cure or alleviate any disease to which the human frame is subject should be critically examined on entry into the Commonwealth—
    - (a) To ascertain their contents and composition.
    - (b) To ascertain their value from a curative stand-point.
    - (c) To ascertain their value as a food.
    - (d) To ascertain their value as remedial agents.
  - (2) That it is further desirable that the exact pharmaceutical composition or construction should be set out clearly on the label or package or each bottle, tin, box, or parcel, and a clear definition be given of the ailment they profess to cure or alleviate.
  - (3) That in the event of the description on the bottle, tin, box, package, or parcel being false or misleading to the purchaser, then all such articles shall be refused admission into the Commonwealth, and all such as have been landed and not cleared shall be forfeited and destroyed.

Debate ensued.

Mr. McColl moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and negatived.

Debate on original motion continued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, Notices of Motion, General Business, were called on.

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4. **INDUSTRIAL LAWS: ALTERATION OF THE CONSTITUTION.**—Mr. Mauger moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, all necessary steps should be taken, before any General Election, to pass a Bill for the alteration of the Constitution, to enable the Commonwealth Parliament to enact uniform industrial laws, so that at the time of the election the Bill may be inexpensively submitted to the electors, as provided in Section 128 of the Constitution.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Carpenter 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, 23rd instant.
5. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered, That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 and 2, be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 3.
6. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald 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.
7. **BOUNTIES BILL.**—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. Kelly 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.
8. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered, That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 2 and 3, be postponed until Thursday, 6th September next.
9. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
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.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT.**—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Batchelor, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Conroy, Mr. G. B. Edwards\*, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Lee, Mr. Page, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. David Thomson, Sir George Turner, Mr. Wilks, and Mr. Willis.

\* On leave.

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