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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 26TH JULY, 1907.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITION.—Mr. Archer presented a Petition from George R. Barber, of the Bundaberg Chamber of Commerce, in reference to the proposed Conditions of Tender for Mail Service, asking that vessels under the proposed contract shall call at the principal port of each State, that Brisbane be a port of call, that provision be made for cold storage, that Queensland be not called on to pay more than her proper proportion of the mail subsidy, and praying that the House will frame such measures as will safeguard the equal rights of each State.
Petition received.
3. BOUNTIES BILL (1907).—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. McDonald 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.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—JUDICIARY BILL (1907).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—
MR. SPEAKER, *Message No. 3.*
The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Judiciary Act 1903,'*" and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.
A. J. GOULD,
President.
The Senate,
Melbourne, 26th July, 1907.
5. JUDICIARY BILL (1907).—Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Judiciary Act 1903,'*" 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 Tuesday next.
6. PAPER.—Mr. Groom presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Bounties Bill (1907)—Report of the Conference of State Officers, representing New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia, which was held at Parliament House, Melbourne, on 16th April, 1907, to discuss the question of bounties.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
7. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir William Lyne moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House at three minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bamford, Mr. Tilley Brown, Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Deakin, Mr. Harper, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Mahon, Mr. McDougall, Mr. Poynton, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Salmon, Mr. Sinclair, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Mr. Willis, and Mr. Wilson.

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