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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 74.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 14TH NOVEMBER, 1907.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITIONS.—Mr. John Thomson presented a Petition from fishermen, Port Macquarie, New South Wales, praying that the duties on fishing nets and cork floats may be remitted.
Petition received.
Mr. Coon presented a Petition from workers engaged in the manufacture of parasols, umbrellas, and sunshades, Melbourne and elsewhere, praying that item No. 123 of the Tariff, viz. :—Parasols, umbrellas, and sunshades, may be recommitted, and the duty fixed at 35 per cent. ad valorem, instead of 20 per cent. as agreed to by the House.
Petition received and read.
Mr. Carr presented a similar Petition from workers engaged in the manufacture of parasols, umbrellas, and sunshades, Sydney.
Petition received.
3. MANUFACTURES ENCOURAGEMENT BILL (1907).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill—Sir William Lyne moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Fisher 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.
4. 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, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—DISPUTED ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 16.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Parliamentary Elections and to provide for the Settlement of Questions relating to the Qualifications of Members of the Parliament and to Vacancies in either House of the Parliament,*" and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 14th November, 1907.

A. J. GOULD,
President.

6. DISPUTED ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS BILL.—Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the Law relating to Parliamentary Elections and to provide for the Settlement of Questions relating to the Qualifications of Members of the Parliament and to Vacancies in either House of the Parliament,*" 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.

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7. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered, That Order of the Day, Government Business No. 3, be postponed until to-morrow.
8. **EXCISE PROCEDURE 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.
Mr. W. H. Irvine 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.
9. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Groom moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House at a quarter past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Kelly*, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Page, Mr. Sinclair, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Willis.

* On leave.

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