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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 22.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 27<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 1901.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITION.—Mr. Piesse presented a Petition from W. Gibson and George K. Simmons, styling themselves President and Secretary, respectively, of the Ministers and Delegates representing the Churches and Mission Stations of the Baptist Union of Tasmania, incorporated, praying that the House would take immediate steps to ensure that the Post-office of the Commonwealth shall not be used for facilitating the operations of such gambling institutions as "Tattersall's" in Tasmania.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. PUBLIC SERVICE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Chanter reported that he had been requested to submit a point of order for the ruling of Mr. Speaker and to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again when the ruling of Mr. Speaker has been given.  
Resolved—That the Committee have leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.
4. POINT OF ORDER.—PRESENCE OF STRANGER.—Mr. Chanter then stated that in Committee the honorable Member for Laanecoorie, Mr. Salmon, called attention to the fact that an officer in attendance upon the Honorable the Minister of Home Affairs was present in the Chamber, and that he as Chairman had given his opinion that under Standing Order No. 66 such officer was improperly in the Chamber, whereupon he (the Chairman) was requested to report the matter to the House.  
Mr. Speaker stated that the Minister referred to had requested that an officer, who was assisting him in the drafting of the Bill before the House, might be provided with accommodation in convenient proximity to the Table, to which request he (Mr. Speaker) had acceded, and the officer was present with his consent. It was his intention to cause a portion of the Chamber, at the rear of the Chair, to be railed off, and he thought that, pending the completion of the technical railing off of the portion referred to, such officer might be allowed to remain there, in order to assist the Honorable the Minister—  
Which the House approving—
5. PUBLIC SERVICE BILL.—Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House again resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Chanter reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.  
Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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6. MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members present except—Messrs. Brown, Cameron, Joseph Cook, Cruickshank, G. B. Edwards, R. Edwards, Glynn, A. C. Groom, W. H. Groom, Kennedy, Knox, Macdonald-Paterson, McDonald, Sir Malcolm McEacharn, Messrs. F. E. McLean, Paterson, Phillips, Reid, Bruce Smith, Spence, Thomas, Watkins, Watson, and Willis.

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

GEORGE H. JENKINS,  
*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*