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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 41.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 31ST JULY, 1901.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITIONS.—Mr. Clarke presented a Petition from certain electors, citizens, and residents of the State of New South Wales praying that the House will be pleased to eliminate clauses 54 and 55 of the Post and Telegraph Bill.
Petition received and read.
Sir William McMillan presented a Petition from certain ship-owners and shipping agents of the port of Sydney, engaged in the State, Inter-State, and over-sea carrying trade, praying that the House will, in its wisdom, so amend the Inter-State Commission Bill as to exclude from its scope all the provisions relating to carriers by sea.
Sir John Quick presented a Petition from Joseph Nicholson and W. H. Webb, styling themselves President and Secretary, respectively, of the National Christian Citizens' League, praying that the House will pass clause 54 of the Post and Telegraph Bill.
Mr. Piesse presented a Petition from Jessie S. Rooke, styling herself President of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Tasmania, praying that the House will pass clause 54 of the Post and Telegraph Bill.
Mr. Clarke presented a Petition from certain citizens and residents of the State of New South Wales, praying that the House will be pleased to reject clause 54 of the Post and Telegraph Bill.
Petitions severally received.
3. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Mauger 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 supply of bicycles to the Postal Department."
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and five Members having accordingly risen—
Mr. Mauger moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—COINAGE COMMITTEE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 12.

The Senate acquaints the House of Representatives that leave has been granted to Senator J. T. Walker, to give evidence before the Select Committee of the House of Representatives on Coinage, if he think fit.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 26th July, 1901.

31st July, 1901.

5. **EXCISE ON BEER BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 13, 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. Salmon reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution.
Ordered—That the consideration of the Report be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
6. **CUSTOMS BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Reports from the Committee of the whole House on this Bill having been read—
Mr. Isaacs moved, That this Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clause 49.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Batchelor reported that the Committee had again considered clause 49, and had agreed to the same without further amendment.
On the motion of Mr. Kingston the House adopted the Reports.
Mr. Kingston moved, That the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Bill to be read a third time this day.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
Ordered—That the third reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
7. **EXCISE ON BEER BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole House on this Bill having been read—Mr. Kingston moved, That the Report be now adopted.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the third reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
8. **DEFENCE BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That this Bill be now read a second time, having been read—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Salmon 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. Barton moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
- And then the House, at seven minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—The Attorney-General (The Honorable Alfred Deakin), The Minister of Defence (The Right Honorable Sir John Forrest, P.C., G.C.M.G.), Messrs. Cameron, Chanter, Fisher, Glynn, W. H. Groom, Kennedy, Macdonald-Paterson, The Right Honorable G. H. Reid, P.C., Messrs. Sawers, Skene, and Bruce Smith.

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