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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 52.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 20TH AUGUST, 1901.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITIONS.—Petitions, praying that the House will pass clauses 54 and 55, of the Post and Telegraph Bill, which will withhold postal facilities for promoting lotteries, fortune-telling, and other unlawful pursuits, were presented—
 - By Sir Langdon Bonython—
 - From certain residents of the State of South Australia.
 - From certain residents of the State of South Australia.
 - By Mr. Crouch—
 - From certain residents of Chilwell, Geelong.
 - From certain residents of Geelong.
 - From certain residents of Geelong and district.
 - From certain adherents of the Baptist Church, Aberdeen-street, Geelong.
 - From certain teachers of the Fenwick-street Baptist Sunday School, Geelong.
 - From certain adherents of the Congregational Church, Geelong.
 - From certain members and adherents of St. George's Presbyterian Church, Geelong.
 - From certain attendants of West Geelong Presbyterian Church.
 - From certain members and adherents of Geelong Reformed Presbyterian Church.
 - From certain members of the congregation of United Methodist Church, Geelong West.
 - From certain adherents of Ashby Wesleyan Church, Geelong West.
 - By Mr. Hume Cook—
 - From certain residents of Essendon.
 - From certain residents of Newmarket and others.
 - From certain residents of Essendon attending the Baptist Church.
 - From the members and congregation of the Baptist Church, Athol-street, Moonee Ponds.
 - From certain residents of Ascot Vale, and members of the St. Paul's Church of England, Ascot Vale.
 - From certain members of St. James' Church of England, Moonee Ponds West.
 - From certain members of the congregation of St. Thomas' Church, Essendon.
 - From certain members of Christ Church of England, Essendon.
 - From certain members and adherents of the Ascot Vale Congregational Church.
 - From certain members of the Church of Christ, Ascot Vale.
 - From certain members of the Primitive Methodist Church, Moonee Ponds, Victoria.
 - From certain members of the Primitive Methodist Church, Essendon, Victoria.
 - From certain members and adherents of Maribyrnong Presbyterian Mission Church.
 - From certain members of the Ascot Vale Presbyterian Church.
 - From certain adherents of the Presbyterian Church of Preston.
 - From certain members of the congregation of the Wesleyan Church, Essendon.
 - By Mr. R. Edwards—
 - From Geo. Grimes, styling himself President of the Council of Churches, Queensland.
 - By Mr. Knox—
 - From certain residents of Hawthorn, assembled in Auburn Presbyterian Church.
 - From certain members and adherents of the Presbyterian Church, Camberwell.
 - From certain residents of Hawthorn in attendance at Grove-road Presbyterian Church.
 - From certain residents of Hawthorn attending Hawthorn Presbyterian Church.

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By Mr. McColl—

From certain residents of Boort and district; also Wychitella and district.
 From certain residents of Merrigum.
 From certain residents of Kyabram.

By Mr. A. McLean—

From certain residents of Bairnsdale and district.

By Mr. Manifold—

From certain residents of Colac.
 From certain residents of Warrion.

By Mr. Mauger—

From certain residents of Kensington.
 From certain residents of Temperance Township, Ascot Vale.
 From Robert Cochrane, Geo. Bell, A. Jackson, styling themselves respectively President, Vice-President, and Secretary, and others of the Victorian Sunday School Union, representing 400 Sunday Schools, with a membership of 4,000 teachers and 40,000 scholars.
 From certain members and adherents of the Wesleyan Methodist Church at Flemington.
 From certain members and adherents of the Wesleyan Methodist Church at Newport.
 From certain members and adherents of the Wesleyan Methodist Church at Williamstown.

By Mr. Phillips—

From certain adherents of the Wesleyan Methodist Church at Birchip.
 From certain residents at Sheep Hills attending the Wesleyan Church.
 From certain residents of Warracknabeal attending the Wesleyan Church.

By Mr. Tudor—

From certain worshippers in Richmond Presbyterian Church.

By Sir George Turner—

From certain residents of Mount Erica, Prahran.

Petitions severally received.

3. PAPER.—Mr. Barton presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Naval Defence of the Commonwealth of Australia.—Copy of Minute by the Right Honorable the Prime Minister to His Excellency the Governor-General, asking His Excellency to obtain from His Excellency the Admiral commanding on the Australian Naval Station a statement of his opinions on the subject of the Naval Defence of the Commonwealth of Australia.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

4. DAYS OF MEETING AND ORDER OF BUSINESS.—Mr. Barton moved, pursuant to notice—

1. That, after this day, until otherwise ordered, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday in each week during the present session be the days on which this House shall meet for the despatch of business; and that Two o'clock be the hour of meeting on Wednesday and Thursday, and that Ten o'clock be the hour of meeting on Friday.
2. That on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday in each week during the present session Government business do, until otherwise ordered, take precedence of all other business.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

5. POST AND TELEGRAPH 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 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, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Barton moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Messrs. Cameron, Cruickshank, Ewing, Glynn, Hughes, Kennedy, Macdonald-Paterson, F. E. McLean, Bruce Smith, and Spence.

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