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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 60.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 5TH SEPTEMBER, 1901.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
 2. PETITIONS.—Mr. Hume Cook presented a Petition from certain persons styling themselves the Board of Directors of the Australian Natives' Association of Victoria, praying that the House will pass the Immigration Restriction Bill as soon as may be convenient.
Mr. Chanter, on behalf of himself and Mr. Glynn, presented a Petition from certain electors of the Commonwealth, praying that the House will sanction a federal project for the improvement of the navigability and conservation of the waters of the Rivers Murray and Darling, together constituting channels for Inter-State commerce.
Petitions severally received and read.
 3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 1 be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 4.
 4. POST AND TELEGRAPH BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further reconsideration 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 reconsidered the portions of the Bill referred to it, and had agreed to the same with further amendments.
Sir Philip Fysh moved, by leave, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clauses 41 and 137,
And, after debate—
Ordered—That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clauses 26, 41, 42, 66, 78, 137, the First Schedule, and the consideration of a new clause to be proposed by Mr. Batchelor, and a new clause to be proposed by Mr. McDonald.
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 reconsidered the portions of the Bill referred to it, and had agreed to the same with further amendments.
Ordered—That the consideration of the Reports be made an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.
 5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Barton moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
- And then the House, at fifteen minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—The Minister of Home Affairs (the Honorable Sir William Lyne, K.C.M.G.), the Right Honorable Sir Edward Braddon, P.C., Messrs. Brown, Cameron, Clarke, R. Edwards, Ewing, Harper, Macdonald-Paterson, F. E. McLean, the Right Honorable G. H. Reid, P.C., Messrs. Skene, Bruce Smith, and Thomson.

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