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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 111.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WEDNESDAY, 11TH DECEMBER, 1901.

- 1 The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. TEMPORARY ADDITIONAL SITTING DAY AND ALTERATION OF HOUR OF MEETING.—Mr. Barton moved, by leave, That the House meet each day for the remainder of this week, including Saturday, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., and that Government business take precedence of all other Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
3. PAPERS.—Sir William Lyne presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Hare-Clark system of voting in Tasmania—Report upon the operation of the.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
Elections in the State of Tasmania for the Commonwealth Parliament.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 28th June, 1901.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—PACIFIC ISLAND LABOURERS BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—
MR. SPEAKER, *Message No. 30.*
The Senate has agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the Regulation, Restriction, and Prohibition of the Introduction of Labourers from the Pacific Islands and for other purposes,*" with the amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which it desires the concurrence of the House of Representatives.
R. C. BAKER,
The Senate, President.
Melbourne, 6th December, 1901.
Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—
MR. SPEAKER, *Message No. 31.*
The Senate has agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to place certain restrictions on Immigration and to provide for the removal from the Commonwealth of prohibited Immigrants,*" with the amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which it desires the concurrence of the House of Representatives.
R. C. BAKER,
The Senate, President.
Melbourne, 6th December, 1901.
Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

11th and 12th December, 1901.

6. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after midnight—

THURSDAY, 12TH DECEMBER, 1901.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Chanter 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, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

Pacific Island Labourers Bill—Copy of letter from the Honorable the Premier of Queensland in reply to the letter of the Right Honorable the Prime Minister, dated 12th November, 1901, in relation to.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at a quarter-past twelve o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day, at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—The Right Honorable G. H. Reid, P.C., Messrs. Bruce Smith and Spence.

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