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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 112.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 12TH DECEMBER, 1901.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—The Order of the Day for going into the Committee of Ways and Means, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, having been read—
 Question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
 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, after the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 and 3, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
3. **PACIFIC ISLAND LABOURERS BILL—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendments made by the Senate in this Bill, 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 agreed to the Amendments, which are as follow :—
 No. 1.—Page 2, clause 8, lines 43 and 44, omit "returned to the place from which he was originally brought into," insert "deported from."
 No. 2.—Page 2, clause 8, line 44, omit "returned" insert "deported."
 No. 3.—Page 3, clause 8, lines 3 and 4, omit "returned to the place from which he was originally brought into," insert "deported from."
 No. 4.—Page 3, clause 8, line 4, omit "returned," insert "deported."
 On the motion of Mr. Barton, the House adopted the Report
4. **IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION BILL—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendments made by the Senate in this Bill 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. Batchelor reported that the Committee had agreed to the Amendments, which are as follow :—
 No. 1.—Page 1, clause 3, omit clause 3.
 No. 2.—Page 2, clause 4, line 24, omit "Second."
 No. 3.—Page 6, clause 18, add at end of clause "the number of persons admitted to the Commonwealth without being asked to pass the test, the nations to which they belong, and whence they came."
 No. 4.—Page 7, First Schedule, omit this Schedule.
 No. 5.—Page 7, From heading "SECOND SCHEDULE," omit "SECOND."
 On the motion of Mr. Barton, the House adopted the Report.
5. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
 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, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—PUNISHMENT OF OFFENCES BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 32.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to make Provision for the Punishment of Offences against the Laws of the Commonwealth*," to which it desires the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 12th December, 1901.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

7. PUNISHMENT OF OFFENCES BILL.—Mr. Barton moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "*A Bill for an Act to make Provision for the Punishment of Offences against the Laws of the Commonwealth*" be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

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