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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 114.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 14TH JANUARY, 1902.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented by Mr. Deakin, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

HOPETOUN,
Governor-General.

Message No. 28.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to make provision for the Punishment of Offences against the Laws of the Commonwealth,*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
Melbourne, 17th December, 1901.

3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented by Sir George Turner, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

HOPETOUN,
Governor-General.

Message No. 29.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of Four hundred and ten thousand seven hundred and sixty-seven pounds to the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and two,*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
Melbourne, 17th December, 1901.

4. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented by Mr. Barton, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

HOPETOUN,
Governor-General.

Message No. 30.

A 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,*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
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5. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented by Mr. Barton, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

HOPETOUN,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 31.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act to place certain restrictions on Immigration and to provide for the removal from the Commonwealth of prohibited Immigrants,*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
Melbourne, 23rd December, 1901.

6. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Barton moved, That the Standing Orders be suspended in order to enable him to make a motion, without notice, in reference to the South African War and Australian aid to the Empire.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. SOUTH AFRICAN WAR AND AUSTRALIAN AID TO THE EMPIRE.—Mr. Barton moved accordingly—

(1) That this House takes its first opportunity, in view of the despatch of a Federal Contingent to South Africa, to express its indignation at the baseless charges made abroad against the honour of the people and the humanity and the valour of the soldiers of the Empire.

(2) That this House affirms the readiness of Australia to give all requisite aid to the Mother Country, in order to bring the present war to an end.

Debate ensued.

And the Motion having by request been divided—

Question—(1) That this House takes its first opportunity, in view of the despatch of a Federal Contingent to South Africa, to express its indignation at the baseless charges made abroad against the honour of the people and the humanity and the valour of the soldiers of the Empire—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Question—(2) That this House affirms the readiness of Australia to give all requisite aid to the Mother Country, in order to bring the present war to an end—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 45.

Mr. Barton,	Mr. Mauger,
Sir Langdon	Mr. McCay,
Bonython,	Mr. McColl,
Mr. Chanter,	Sir Malcolm
Mr. Chapman,	McEacharn,
Mr. Conroy,	Mr. A. McLean,
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Hume Cook,	Mr. Paterson,
Mr. Winter Cooke,	Mr. Phillips,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Poynton,
Mr. Ewing,	Sir John Quick,
Mr. Fowler,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Skene,
Mr. Glynn,	Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. A. C. Groom,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. L. E. Groom,	Mr. Spence,
Mr. Harper,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Isaacs,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Kingston,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Knox,	Mr. Wilkinson.
Sir William Lyne,	
Mr. Macdonald-	<i>Tellers.</i>
Paterson,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Manifold,	Mr. Wilks.

Noes, 5.

Mr. Bamford,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Ronald,	Mr. Higgins,
Mr. Thomas.	Mr. McDonald.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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 nine minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

14th January, 1902.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—The Minister of Defence (the Right Honorable Sir John Forrest, P.C., G.C.M.G.), the Honorable Sir Philip Fysh, K.C.M.G., Mr. Batchelor, the Right Honorable Sir Edward Braddon, P.C., Messrs. Brown, Cameron, Clarke, Cruickshank, G. B. Edwards, R. Edwards, Kirwan, F. E. McLean, Sir William McMillan, Messrs. Piesse, Sawers, E. Solomon, V. L. Solomon, and Willis.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.