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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.
 

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THURSDAY, 30TH JANUARY, 1902.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
  2. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER.—Mr. Reid moved, That Standing Order No. 108 be suspended in order to enable him to make a motion, without notice, with reference to a public speech made by His Excellency the Governor-General on the 27th instant.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
  3. SOUTH AFRICAN WAR.—REMARKS BY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL REGARDING THE OFFER OF A COMMONWEALTH CONTINGENT.—Mr. Reid moved accordingly, That this House, whilst fully appreciating the generous motives which prompted His Excellency the Governor-General, in a speech delivered by him on the 27th instant, to justify the conduct of Ministers, and to express his own personal opinion upon their delay in offering a Commonwealth Contingent to the Mother Country, earnestly hopes that the course taken by His Excellency upon that occasion will not be regarded as a precedent.  
Debate ensued.  
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
  4. PAPER.—Mr. Barton presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Parliament House, Melbourne.—Copy of Agreement between His Excellency the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia in Council and His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor of the State of Victoria for the use and occupation by the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia of the Parliament House and Gardens, situate in Parliament-place, Spring-street, in the city of Melbourne.  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
  5. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, 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.
  6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Barton moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
- And then the House, at seventeen minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

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 MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—The Right Honorable Sir Edward Braddon, P.C., Messrs. Brown, Cruickshank, Sir William McMillan, Messrs. Piesse, Sawers, Bruce Smith, and Spence.

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