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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH JULY, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—BRITISH NEW GUINEA ADMINISTRATION BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented by Sir Edmund Barton, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—  
TENNYSON,  
*Governor-General.* *Message No. 7.*  
In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of The Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the acceptance of British New Guinea as a Territory under the authority of the Commonwealth, and for the Government thereof.  
Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
3. PAPER.—Sir Edmund Barton presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Archives.—Report on European Archives, by Mr. F. M. Bladen, Barrister-at-Law.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.
4. NAVAL AGREEMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time, and on the following amendment, viz.:—That the word “now” be omitted from, and that the words “this day six months” be added to, the question, having been read—  
Debate resumed.  
Mr. Page moved, That the debate be now adjourned.  
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.  
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
5. PAPER.—Sir John Forrest presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Defence Forces—Regulations relating to, made under the Defence Acts of the States, and the Constitution of the Commonwealth—  
Military Forces—Pay of Warrant and Non-Commissioned Officers of the Instructional Staff.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.
6. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Edmund Barton moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Mr. Bamford, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Macdonald-Paterson, Mr. F. E. McLean, Sir William McMillan, and Sir John Quick.

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