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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 42.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH AUGUST, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITIONS.—Mr. Chanter presented a Petition from 1,130 electors of New South Wales praying that, in view of the recent drought and the consequent emigration of many workmen, speedy provision may be made by the House for the passage of an Iron Bonus Bill, which will give substantial encouragement to private enterprise in developing the iron industry.
Mr. Chanter presented a similar Petition from 1,019 electors of Queensland.
Mr. V. L. Solomon presented nine Petitions from electors of South Australia, signed respectively by 21, 11, 12, 13, 31, 8, 15, 17, and 35 persons, praying that, in the measures proposed to be passed by the House for the government and control of British New Guinea, it will be enacted that the introduction, sale, and manufacture of intoxicating liquors shall be absolutely prohibited.
Petitions severally received.
3. SHIPWRECKS AND OTHER SHIPPING CASUALTIES.—Mr. Mahon moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of the House a Return showing—
 - (1) The number of wrecks and other casualties sustained in Australasian seas by oversea passenger ships during the last twenty years.
 - (2) The like information, covering the same period, as regards passenger ships trading exclusively from one Australasian port to another.
 - (3) The total number of passengers carried during the twenty years by the two classes of ships referred to in the foregoing paragraphs.
 - (4) The number of lives lost, and the number of persons injured, in wrecks and casualties sustained (a) by oversea passenger ships, and (b) by ships trading exclusively between one Australasian port and another during the period above mentioned.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time, having been read—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Poynton 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.

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5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—JUDICIARY BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 14.

The Senate has agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled "*A Bill for an Act to make provision for the exercise of the Judicial Power of the Commonwealth,*" with the amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, with which amendments the Senate desires the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 12th August, 1903.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—HIGH COURT PROCEDURE BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 15.

The Senate has agreed to the Bill returned, herewith intituled "*A Bill for an Act to regulate the Practice and Procedure of the High Court,*" with the amendments indicated in the annexed Schedule, with which amendments the Senate desires the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 12th August, 1903.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Sir Edward Braddon, Mr. Brown, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Cruickshank, Mr. R. Edwards, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Harper, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Macdonald-Paterson, Mr. Manifold, Mr. F. E. McLean, Mr. Reid, and Mr. Willis.

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