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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 47.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 20TH AUGUST, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITIONS.—Petitions, praying that the Conciliation and Arbitration Bill may be amended so as to equally apply to all vessels engaging in the Australian coastal trades, whether Australian, oversea, or foreign, were presented as under :—
 - By Mr. Brown—
From G. F. Tope and others, styling themselves respectively President and executive officers of the Federated Stewards and Cooks' Union of Australasia.
 - By Mr. Kingston—
From Henry John Pudney and others, styling themselves respectively President and executive officers of the South Australian branch of the Federated Seamen's Union of Australasia.
 - By Mr. Mauger—
From Alexander Hall and others, styling themselves respectively President and executive officers of the Victorian branch of the Federated Seamen's Union of Australasia.
 - By Mr. Poynton—
From P. R. Follingworth and others, styling themselves respectively President and executive officers of the Port Adelaide District Trade and Labour Council.
 - By Mr. Spence—
From Edward Kelly and others, styling themselves respectively President and executive officers of the New South Wales branch of the Federated Seamen's Union of Australasia.
 - By Mr. Tudor—
From William G. Wilson, styling himself President, and others, of the Amalgamated Society of Ironworkers of Victoria.

Petitions, 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, were presented as under :—

 - By Mr. Mauger—
From certain electors of Victoria (two Petitions).
 - By Mr. Ronald—
From certain electors of Victoria (three Petitions).

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Petitions, 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, were presented as under :—

By Mr. Hartnoll—

From 50 electors of Mathinna, Tasmania.

From 11 electors of Ross, Tasmania.

Petitions severally received.

Sir William McMillan presented a Petition from certain electors of New South Wales, praying that the further consideration of the Conciliation and Arbitration Bill may be delayed until time has been given to those interested to become acquainted with its many provisions, which are calculated, by their interfering effect on private enterprise, to seriously jeopardize the commercial and industrial future of the Commonwealth.

Petition received and read.

3. PAPER.—Sir John Forrest presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
Public Service Act 1902.—Appointment of Mr. W. A. Newman to be Senior Clerk in the Commonwealth Electoral Office—Papers relating to.
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. Conroy 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. ISSUE OF WRIT (EAST SYDNEY DIVISION).—Mr. Speaker announced to the House that he had this day issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of East Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, in the place of the Right Honorable George Houstoun Reid, resigned, and that the dates appointed in the Writ were as follow :—

Date of Nomination	...	...	...	28th August.
Date of Polling	...	...	...	4th September.
Return of Writ	...	...	...	On or before 11th September.
6. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Edmund Barton moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—Sir Edward Braddon*, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Winter Cooke, Mr. Cruickshank, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Harper, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Macdonald-Paterson, Sir Malcolm McEacharn, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Watson.

* On leave.

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