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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 58.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH SEPTEMBER, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MEMBER SWORN.—The Right Honorable George Houstoun Reid was introduced, and made and subscribed the oath required by law.
3. PETITION.—Mr. Tudor presented a Petition from certain electors of Victoria, employed in the Railway Department, praying that they may be included under the provisions of the Conciliation and Arbitration Bill.
Petition received.
4. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Reid rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The proposed action of the Government in dropping the Conciliation and Arbitration Bill."
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and five Members having accordingly risen—
Mr. Reid moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
5. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
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. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business No. 2, be postponed until to-morrow.
7. NATURALIZATION 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—
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Chanter reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, 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.

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8. 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 twenty-three minutes past nine 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. Clarke, Mr. Winter Cooke, Mr. Cruickshank, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Macdonald-Paterson, Mr. McColl, Mr. F. E. McLean, Mr. Phillips, Sir John Quick, Mr. Salmon, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. V. L. Solomon, and Mr. Willis.

*On leave.

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