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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 81.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MONDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER, 1907.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.
2. ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.—The Clerk at the Table having informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, and read Prayers.
3. PETITION.—Mr. Poynton presented a Petition from 44 electors of South Australia praying that the House will reduce the duties on agricultural implements and all articles of manufacture essential to cultivation, depasturing sheep and cattle, mining, and the general requisites for the development of natural resources.
Petition received
4. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Speaker took the Chair; Mr. McDonald 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.
5. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—
NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General. *Message No. 20.*
A Bill intituled “*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and eight,*” as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.
Government House,
Melbourne, 23rd November, 1907.
6. PAPERS.—Mr. Chapman presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Excise Tariff (Agricultural Machinery) 1906—Judgment of Mr. Justice Higgins, President of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration in the matter of the application of H. V. McKay for an order in terms of section 2 (d)—(in substitution for Paper presented on 19th November instant).
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
Sir William Lyne presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—
Audit Acts—Transfers of amounts approved by the Governor-General in Council—Financial Year 1906-7 (dated 22nd November, 1907).

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7. ALTERATION OF TIME OF NEXT MEETING.—Sir William Lyne moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until eleven o'clock to-morrow morning.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir William Lyne moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Batchelor, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Crouch, Mr. Foster, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Hall, Mr. Hans Irvine, Mr. Kelly*, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Reid, Mr. Watson, Mr. Webster, Mr. Willis, and Mr. Wilson.

* On leave.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.