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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 88.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. Joseph Cook presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Defence Acts—Naval Forces—
 Regulations Amended (Provisional)—Nos. 38A, 47A to 47D, 100A—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 128.
 Financial and Allowance Regulations Amended (Provisional)—Nos. 49, 50, 50B—Statutory Rules 1909, No. 127.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered, after debate, that other business be postponed until after the consideration of Notice of Motion, No. 1, Government Business.
4. NAVAL DEFENCE—SCHEME OF IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, pursuant to notice, That this House approves the new scheme of Naval Defence adopted at the recent Imperial Conference, and is of opinion that immediate steps should be taken to provide the proposed Australian unit of the Eastern Fleet of the Empire.
 And while Mr. Joseph Cook was addressing the House—
 Mr. Webster moved, That the honorable the Minister for Defence (Mr. Joseph Cook) be not further heard.
 Question—That the honorable the Minister for Defence (Mr. Joseph Cook) be not further heard—
 put.
 Mr. Speaker appointed as Tellers for the "Ayes" Mr. Webster and Mr. Hutchison, and the latter Member asking to be relieved, he then appointed Mr. Catts in his place, and Mr. Catts also asking to be excused, the Speaker then appointed Mr. Coon, who was voting with the "Noes."
 The House divided—

Ayes, 3.		Noes, 38.	
Mr. Catts	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Kelly
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Webster	Mr. Batchelor	Mr. Knox
	[Mr. Coon who voted	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Livingston
	with the "Noes."]	Mr. Thomas Brown	Mr. Mauger
		Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. McDonald
		Mr. Coon	Mr. McWilliams
		Mr. Deakin	Mr. O'Malley
		Mr. Edwards	Mr. Palmer
		Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Poynton
		Mr. Fisher	Sir John Quick
		Sir John Forrest	Mr. Sampson
		Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Sinclair
		Mr. Fowler	Mr. Bruce Smith
		Colonel Foxton	Mr. Dugald Thomson
		Mr. Fuller	Mr. John Thomson
		Sir Philip Fysh	Mr. Tudor
		Mr. Glynn	
		Mr. Groom	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Hans Irvine	Mr. Hume Cook
		Mr. Johnson	Mr. Wilks

*And so it passed in the negative.

Point of Order.—Mr. Thomas Brown raised a point of order, as to whether the appointment of a Member who was voting on one side, to act as Teller for the other side, was in order.

Mr. Speaker stated that the Standing Order which governs the appointment of Tellers does not state the side of the House from which they are to be appointed. Some honorable Members had adopted the unusual course of refusing to act when appointed Tellers. He had therefore exercised his discretion and had taken the best method of rescuing the House from the difficulty in which it was placed.

Mr. Joseph Cook resumed his speech—

Mr. Webster again moved, That the honorable the Minister for Defence (Mr. Joseph Cook) be not further heard.

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Question—That the honorable the Minister for Defence (Mr. Joseph Cook) be not further heard—
put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 3.

Mr. Catts	<i>Tellers.</i>
	Mr. Hutchison
	Mr. Webster

Noes, 36.

Mr. Batchelor	Mr. Knox
Mr. Thomas Brown	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Mauger
Mr. Coon	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Deakin	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Edwards	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Poynton
Sir John Forrest	Sir John Quick
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Sinclair
Colonel Foxton	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Dugald Thomson
Sir Philip Fysh	Mr. John Thomson
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Hans Irvine	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Bowden
Mr. Kelly	Mr. Hume Cook

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the question be now put.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the original motion had not yet been proposed from the Chair, and the motion for closure could not therefore be applied to it.

Mr. Joseph Cook thereupon concluded his speech on the original motion, and the question thereon having been proposed from the Chair—

Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Kelly
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Knox
Mr. Coon	Mr. Liddell
Mr. Deakin	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Edwards	Mr. Mauger
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. McWilliams
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Palmer
Mr. R. W. Foster	Sir John Quick
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Sampson
Colonel Foxton	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Bruce Smith
Sir Philip Fysh	Mr. Dugald Thomson
Mr. Glynn	Mr. John Thomson
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Hans Irvine	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. W. H. Irvine	Mr. Bowden
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Hume Cook

Noes, 18.

Mr. Batchelor	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Thomas Brown	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Carr	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Catts	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Webster
Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Wise
Mr. Mathews	
Mr. McDonald	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. O'Malley	Mr. Frazer
Mr. Page	Mr. Watkins

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question being accordingly put—That this House approves the new scheme of Naval Defence adopted at the recent Imperial Conference, and is of opinion that immediate steps should be taken to provide the proposed Australian unit of the Eastern Fleet of the Empire.

The House divided—

Ayes, 39.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Batchelor	Mr. Kelly
Mr. Carr	Mr. Knox
Mr. Catts	Mr. Liddell
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Coon	Mr. Mauger
Mr. Deakin	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Edwards	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Fairbairn	Sir John Quick
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Sampson
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Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Bruce Smith
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Dugald Thomson
Colonel Foxton	Mr. John Thomson
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Watkins
Sir Philip Fysh	Mr. Wise
Mr. Glynn	
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Hutchison	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hans Irvine	Mr. Bowden
Mr. W. H. Irvine	Mr. Hume Cook

Noes, 9.

Mr. Frazer	Mr. Webster
Mr. Mathews	
Mr. O'Malley	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Page	Mr. Maloney
Mr. Thomas	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Tudor	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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5. **ELECTORAL BILL (1909) (No. 2).**—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same with amendments.
 Ordered—That the consideration of the Report be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
6. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at two minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Archer, Mr. Tilley Brown, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Chapman, Sir Thomas Ewing, Mr. Frank J. Foster, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hughes, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Mahon, Mr. McDougall, Sir George Reid, and Mr. Watson.

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