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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 17.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 17TH AUGUST, 1917.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. WAR-TIME PROFITS TAX ASSESSMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—and on the amendment moved thereto by Mr. Tudor, viz.:—That after the word "That" the following words be inserted:—"in the opinion of this House the Bill is utterly inadequate and signally fails to place upon wealth its due share of the expenses of the war"—

Debate resumed.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 9.		Noes, 33.	
Mr. Brennan	Mr. West	Mr. Archibald	Mr. Lynch
Mr. Considine		Mr. Bamford	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Fenton		Mr. Bayley	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Higgs	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Chanter	Mr. Pigott
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Tudor	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Corser	Mr. Rodgers
		Sir John Forrest	Mr. Sinclair
		Mr. Fowler	Mr. Laird Smith
		Mr. Glynn	Mr. Spence
		Mr. Gregory	Mr. Story
		Mr. Groom	Mr. John Thomson
		Mr. Hughes	Mr. Watt
		Sir William Irvine	Mr. Wise
		Mr. Jensen	
		Mr. Kelly	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Leckie	
		Mr. Lister	Mr. Atkinson
		Mr. Livingston	Mr. Greene

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 read—

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, on Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—GERMAN COLONIES: AUSTRALIAN REASONS AGAINST RESTORATION.—
Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 10.

The Senate transmits to the House of Representatives the following Resolution which has been agreed to by the Senate, and requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein, viz. :—

“That the Senate expresses its unqualified appreciation and approval of the statement made on the 31st January last by the Honorable the Colonial Secretary (Mr. Walter Long), which emphatically sets forth that none of the captured Colonial possessions of the German Empire will, in any circumstances, be returned to that Power; and furthermore, resolves that any proposal to restore the captured German territories in the vicinity of the Australian Continent will be particularly distasteful to the people of the Commonwealth, and prejudicial to their interests, as well as to the future peace of the world.”

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 17th August, 1917.

Ordered—on the motion of Mr. Corser, That the consideration of the foregoing Message, in Committee of the whole House, be made an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.

4. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute:—

Land Tax Assessment Act—Fifth Annual Report of the Commissioner of Land Tax for year 1914–15.

Ordered to be printed.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at one minute to four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—
General Abbott^a, Mr. Blakeley, Mr. Burchell^a, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Falkiner, Mr. Fleming^a, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Lamond, Mr. Mahony, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. McDonald^{*}, Mr. McGrath^a, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Orchard, Mr. Page, Mr. Riley, General Ryrie^a, Mr. Salmon^{*}, Mr. Sampson, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Yates^a.

* On leave.

(a) Joined Australian Imperial Expeditionary Forces.

WALTER A. GALE,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.