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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 78.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER, 1918.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. THE LATE SIR GEORGE REID.—Mr. Speaker announced to the House that he had received the following cablegram from Lady Reid :—
 “Speaker, House of Representatives. Please accept my sincere appreciation your message of sympathy.”
3. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Charlton 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, “Misleading statements made by a firm in Victoria for the purpose of inducing men to proceed to New South Wales for mining purposes, and in consequence deceiving returned soldiers who are left stranded in that State.”
 Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having accordingly risen—
 Mr. Charlton moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and negatived.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1918, No. 225.
 Northern Territory—Ordinance of 1918—No. 11—Liquor (No. 3).
5. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Watt :—That the Paper “Ministerial Statement,” laid on the Table yesterday, be printed—
 Debate resumed.
 Mr. Mahony moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
 Question—put and passed.
 Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered, That the intervening Business be postponed until after Notice of Motion, Government Business, No. 5.
7. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF ARSENAL SITE RAILWAY—SITTINGS OF COMMITTEE—
 Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act* 1913-1914, the following work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for their report :—“Railway to connect the Arsenal Site, Tuggeranong, Federal Capital Territory, with the New South Wales Government Railway between Nimmitabel and Goulburn”; also, that leave be given to the Committee to hold meetings and transact business in connexion with this reference whilst either or both Houses of Parliament is or are actually sitting.
 Mr. Groom having laid on the Table plans, &c., in connexion with the proposed work—
 Debate ensued.

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Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 27.		Noes, 13.	
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Page
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Mahony	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Tudor
Sir Robert Best	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Considine	Mr. West
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Pigott	Mr. Finlayson	
Mr. Chapman	Mr. Poynton	Mr. R. W. Foster	
Mr. Corser	Mr. Riley	Mr. Kelly	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Falkiner	Mr. Sinclair	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Charlton
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Laird Smith	Mr. Nicholls	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Greene	Mr. Watt		
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Webster		
Mr. Groom			
Mr. Jensen			
Mr. Lamond	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Lister	Mr. Mathews		
Mr. Lynch	Mr. John Thomson		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Watt moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-six minutes to five 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—
 Mr. Anstey*, Mr. Bayley, Mr. Burchell*^a, Mr. J. H. Catts, Sir Joseph Cook, Mr. Fleming*^a,
 Mr. Heitmann^a, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jowett, Mr. Leckie, Mr. Manifold*, Mr. McDonald,
 Mr. McGrath, Mr. Orchard, Brigadier-General Ryrie*^a, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Spence
 Mr. Wallace^a, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Yates*^a.

* On leave.

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