

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 104.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER, 1918.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Considine 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, "To draw attention to the incitements to civil disorder and riot that have been made recently in various centres in the Commonwealth, and to the apparent immunity from prosecution enjoyed by the individuals so offending."
- 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 risen accordingly—Mr. Considine moved, That the House do now adjourn.
- Mr. Watt moved, That the Question be now put.
- Question—That the Question be now put—put.
- The House divided—

Ayes, 38.

Lieut.-Col. Abbott	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Lynch
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Orchard
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Corser	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Falkiner	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Bruce Smith
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Spence
Mr. Greene	Mr. Watt
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Webster
Mr. Groom	Mr. Wise
Mr. Jowett	
Mr. Lamond	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Leckie	Mr. Story
Mr. Lister	Mr. John Thomson

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Mr. Charlton	Mr. Riley
Mr. Considine	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Corboy	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. West
Mr. Higgs	
Mr. Mahony	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Mathews	
Mr. McGrath	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Nicholls	Mr. Page

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the Question, That the House do now adjourn, was accordingly put, and was negatived.

3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1918, Nos. 281, 282.
4. SERVICE AND EXECUTION OF PROCESS BILL (1918).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
- Debate ensued.
- Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
- Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.
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(In the Committee.)

Bill agreed to, and to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Groom, the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the remaining stage to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Mr. Groom, the Bill was read a third time.

5. DEFENCE BILL (No. 2) (1918).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—

Mr. Wise moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Tudor moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

6. AMENDMENTS INCORPORATION BILL (1918).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—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.)

Bill agreed to, and to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Groom, the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the remaining stage to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Mr. Groom, the Bill was read a third time.

7. CONTROL OF NAVAL WATERS BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—

Mr. Poynton moved, That the Bill be now read a second time

Debate ensued.

Question—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 debated and agreed to.

Clause 2 agreed to.

Clause 3 debated and agreed to.

Clause 4 debated and agreed to.

Clause 5 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 6 to 10 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Poynton, the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Poynton moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the remaining stage to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Mr. Poynton, after debate, the Bill was read a third time.

8. WAR LOAN SUBSCRIPTIONS 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—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Kelly moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

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9. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO ELECTORAL BILL (1918).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 79.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to Consolidate and Amend the Law relating to Parliamentary Elections and for other purposes,*" 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, 21st November, 1918.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 6 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 7, Government Business.
11. IRON AND STEEL BOUNTY BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 72—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Greene, after debate—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the Payment of Bounty on the Manufacture of Black Steel Sheets and Galvanized Sheets in the Commonwealth.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Mr. Greene moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Greene, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Greene and Mr. Groom do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Greene then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

12. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the intervening Business be postponed until after Notice of Motion No. 5, Government Business.
13. WAR PRECAUTIONS BILL (1918).—Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to extend the duration of the *War Precautions Act 1914–1916* and for other purposes.
- Question—put and passed.
- Mr. Groom brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
- Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
- Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
14. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Groom moved, That the House do now adjourn.
- Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eighteen minutes past ten 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. Anstey*, Mr. Blakeley, Mr. Burchell^(a), Mr. J. H. Catts, Sir Joseph Cook*, Mr. Fleming^(a), Mr. Heitmann^(a), Mr. Hughes*, Mr. Jensen, Mr. McDonald, Mr. McWilliams, Brigadier-General Ryrie^(a), Mr. Wallace^(a), and Mr. Yates^(a).

* On leave.

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