

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 131.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 16<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 1919.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—INDUSTRIAL DISPUTE.—Mr. Groom, by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the existing Industrial Dispute in connexion with the Seamen's Union.  
Mr. Tudor, by leave, also addressed the House on the subject.
3. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS.—Mr. Gregory, Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, brought up the following Report from the Committee—  
Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed Ordnance Store, Leichhardt, New South Wales; also papers with reference to estimated cost, and plans.  
Ordered—That the Report be printed.
4. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Groom moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until eleven o'clock a.m. to-morrow.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.
5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Customs Act—  
Proclamation prohibiting the Exportation (except under certain conditions) of all goods to (late) German New Guinea (dated 2nd July, 1919).  
Proclamation (dated 2nd July, 1919) revoking Proclamation (dated 29th March, 1916) prohibiting the Exportation (except under certain conditions) of goods to China (not including Hong Kong) and Siam.  
Northern Territory—Ordinance of 1919—No. 6—Supreme Court.
6. MORATORIUM BILL.—Mr. Groom, for Mr. Watt, moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to continue in force certain Regulations intituled the War Precautions (Moratorium) Regulations, and the War Precautions (Active Service Moratorium) Regulations.  
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.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That Notice of Motion No. 2, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
8. COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES 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. Riley 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. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute —  
Northern Territory—Ordinance of 1919—No. 8—Council of Advice.
10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Groom moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and passed.

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

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bruce, Mr. Burchell, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Chapman, Sir Joseph Cook, Mr. Corboy, Mr. Falkiner, Mr. Fenton, Mr. Heitmann<sup>(a)</sup>, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Mahony, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Nicholls\*, Mr. Orchard, Major-General Ryrie<sup>(a)</sup>, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Watt, and Mr. Webster.

\* On leave.

(a) Absent with Australian Imperial Force.

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*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*