THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 144.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 15th AUGUST, 1919.

- The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Higgs 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, "The policy of the Government with regard to Deportations".

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. Higgs moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Watt, addressing the House, and not having, in compliance with Standing Order No. 39, concluded his speech within fifteen minutes, the honorable Member was, by leave of the House, allowed to continue his speech.

Debate continued.

- It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 119, and the Business of the Day was called on.
- 3. Immigration Bill (1919).—Mr. Glynn, pursuant to leave given on the 13th instant, brought up a Bill intituled "A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Immigration Act 1901-1912'," 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 the next sitting.
- 4. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—

Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1919, No. 196.

5. Institute of Science and Industry 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 the following words be inserted after the word "That"—"before introducing a Bill to establish a Bureau of Science and Industry, the Government should have furnished the House with an estimate of the approximate cost per annum of such an institution; and should also have made preliminary arrangements with the State Governments to avoid duplicating the existing State bureaux or work at present carried on by them—"

Debate resumed.

Mr. Fenton 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 the next sitting.

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6. Adjournment.—Mr. Watt moved, That the House do now adjourn. Debate ensued. Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eleven minutes past 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—
Mr. Bruce*, Mr. Burchell, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Chapman, Sir Joseph Cook*, Mr. Falkiner,
Mr. Finlayson, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Greene, Mr. Heitmann*(a), Mr. Hughes*, Mr. Lamond,
Mr. Lister, Mr. Livingston, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Nicholls*, Mr. Orchard, Mr. Page, Mr. Pigott,
Mr. Riley, Mr. Rodgers, Major-General Ryrie*(a), Mr. Sampson, Mr. Sinclair, Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. John Thomson, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Wise.

* On leave.

(a) Absent with Australian Imperial Force.

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