

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 145.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 20TH AUGUST, 1919.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ECHUCA ELECTORAL DIVISION—ISSUE OF WRIT.—Mr. Speaker announced to the House that he proposed to issue a Writ, to-morrow, for the Election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Echuca, in the State of Victoria, in the place of Albert Clayton Palmer, deceased. The dates in connexion with the Election would be fixed as follows :—

Date of Issue of Writ	...	...	Thursday, 21st August, 1919.
Date of Nomination	...	...	Friday, 5th September, 1919.
Date of Polling	...	...	Saturday, 20th September, 1919.
Date for Return of Writ	...	...	On or before Thursday, 2nd October, 1919.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 - Blythe River Iron Deposits—Reports of Experts and other papers in connexion with.
 - Women in Industry—(Imperial) War Cabinet Committee—Appendices to Report, Summaries of Evidence, &c. (Paper presented to the British Parliament.)
 Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

 - Apple Bounty Act—Return for 1918-19.
 - Bounties Act—Return for 1918-19.
 - Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1919, Nos. 197, 199, 200.
 - Naval Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1919, Nos. 169, 190, 198.
 - Public Service Act—
 - Promotion of J. N. O'Connor, Department of the Treasury.
 - Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1919, No. 181.
 - Shale Oil Bounty Act—Return for 1918-19.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 5 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 6, Government Business.
5. IMMIGRATION BILL (1919).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—
 - Mr. Glynn 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 to-morrow.
6. 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. Rodgers, addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
 Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

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7. **POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.**—Ordered—That the intervening Orders of the Day be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 7, Government Business.
8. **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF COMMONWEALTH NOTE PRINTING OFFICES.**—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Groom—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 thereon, namely :—Erection of Commonwealth Note Printing Offices on the site recently acquired in Victoria-parade, Fitzroy, Melbourne—and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Charlton, viz. :—That all the words after the word “Offices” be omitted—
Debate resumed.
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question—put and negatived.
Question—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 thereon, namely :—Erection of Commonwealth Note Printing Offices—put and passed.
9. **POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.**—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 2 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 3, Government Business.
10. **WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY BILL (1919).**—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Webster 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 agreed to.
Clause 2 debated and agreed to.
Title agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Charlton reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Webster, the House adopted the Report.
Mr. Webster 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. Webster, the Bill was read a third time.

11. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Groom moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at one minute past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—
Mr. Blakeley, Mr. Bruce*, Mr. Burchell, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Chapman, Sir Joseph Cook*,
Mr. Falkiner, Mr. Finlayson, Mr. Heitmann*(a), Mr. Hughes*, Mr. Lamond, Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Lynch, Mr. Mahony, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Nicholls*, Mr. Orchard, Mr. Page, Mr. Riley,
Major-General Ryrie*(a), Mr. Watkins, Mr. Watt, and Mr. West.

* On leave.

(a) Absent with Australian Imperial Force.

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