

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 151.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER, 1919.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were received, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker:—

[*Moratorium Bill*]

R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 94.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to continue in force certain Regulations intituled the War Precautions (Moratorium) Regulations and the War Precautions (Active Service Moratorium) Regulations,*" 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, 3rd September, 1919.

[*Commercial Activities Bill*]

R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 95.

A Bill intituled "*An Act relating to certain Commercial Activities carried on by the Commonwealth in time of War,*" 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, 3rd September, 1919.

[*Wireless Telegraphy Bill (1919)*]

R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 96.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend Section Two of the 'Wireless Telegraphy Act 1905-1915,'*" 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, 8th September, 1919.

3. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Peace—Treaty between the Allied and Associated Powers and Germany, signed at Versailles, 28th June, 1919.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
4. PEACE TREATY BETWEEN ALLIES AND GERMANY.—Mr. Hughes moved, by leave, That this House approves of the Treaty of Peace between the Allied and Associated Powers and Germany signed at Versailles on the 28th June, 1919.
Mr. Hughes not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257A, was given leave to continue his speech.
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 Wednesday next.

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5. **TREATY RE PROTECTION OF FRANCE AGAINST GERMANY.**—Mr. Hughes moved, by leave, That this House approves the Treaty made at Versailles on the 28th June, 1919, between His Majesty the King and the President of the French Republic, whereby, in case the stipulations relating to the left bank of the Rhine, contained in the Treaty of Peace with Germany signed at Versailles the 28th day of June, 1919, by the British Empire, the French Republic, and the United States of America, among other Powers may not at first provide adequate security and protection to France, Great Britain agrees to come immediately to her assistance in the event of any unprovoked movement of aggression against her being made by Germany
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 Wednesday next.

6. **ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.**—Sir Joseph Cook moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until eleven o'clock a.m. to-morrow.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

7. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Customs Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1919, No. 205.
Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1919, Nos. 204, 206, 207, 208.
Entertainments Tax Assessment Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1919, No. 211.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at—
Adelaide, South Australia—For Repatriation purposes.
Brisbane, Queensland—For Repatriation purposes.
Port Adelaide, South Australia—For Customs purposes.
Northern Territory—Ordinance of 1919—No. 10—Deputy Administrator.
Public Service Act—Promotions—Department of the Treasury—
G. C. Allen, M. D. Briggs, E. O. Walters.
W. Hayes, J. A. W. Stevenson.
H. Kinnish, H. C. Higgins, C. T. C. Hills, F. G. H. Garrett.
War Precautions Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1919, No. 203.

8. **POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.**—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 6 be postponed until after the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 7 and 8, Government Business.

9. **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1919-20.**—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 97.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty.

Melbourne, 9th September, 1919.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be referred to the Committee of Supply.

10. **SUPPLY RESOLUTION [SUPPLY BILL].**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1919-20.

Mr. Poynton moved, That there be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year 1919-20 a sum not exceeding £6,088,542.

Debate ensued.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

11. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Sir Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-two 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. Chapman, Mr. Considine, Mr. Falkiner, Mr. Heitmann^(a), Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Mackay, Major-General Ryrie^(a) and Mr. Bruce Smith.

* On leave.

(a) Absent with Australian Imperial Force.

WALTER A. GALE,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.