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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

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No. 155.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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THURSDAY, 18TH SEPTEMBER, 1919.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—ANZAC TWEED INDUSTRY.—Mr. Poynton, by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the Anzac Tweed Industry.
3. PRINTING COMMITTEE—FOURTH REPORT FROM.—Mr. West, for the Chairman, brought up the Fourth Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate).

The Report was read by the Clerk, as follows:—

FOURTH REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have met in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, recommend that the following be printed:—

Blythe River Iron Deposits—Reports of Experts, &c.

Commonwealth Bank Act—Aggregate Balance-sheet at 30th June, 1919; with Auditor-General's Report thereon.

Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Act—Dealings and Transactions during year ended 30th June, 1918.

Peace Treaty—Protocol Supplementary to.

Shaw Wireless Works, Randwick—Correspondence between ex-Senator Long and the Acting Prime Minister respecting question of further inquiry into purchase of.

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JOHN E. WEST,  
For Chairman.

Mr. West moved, by leave, That the Report be adopted.  
Question—put and passed.

4. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered, That the Orders of the Day be postponed until after the consideration of Notice of Motion No. 1, Government Business.
5. NAURU ISLAND AGREEMENT BILL.—Mr. Hughes moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to approve the agreement made between His Majesty's Government in London, His Majesty's Government of the Commonwealth of Australia, and His Majesty's Government of the Dominion of New Zealand, in relation to the Island of Nauru.  
Question—put and passed.  
Mr. Hughes 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.

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6. PEACE TREATY BETWEEN ALLIES AND GERMANY.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Hughes—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—and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. J. H. Catts, viz.:—That the following words be added to the motion—“That owing to the limited amount of information placed before Parliament in relation to the Peace Treaty, its commitments and responsibilities, the whole matter be referred to a Committee of both Houses of the Parliament for inquiry and report”—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Burchell 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.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Poynton moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-one minutes to eleven 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—  
 ( ) Lieut.-Col. Abbott, Mr. Bayley, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Considine, Mr. Groom, Mr. Heitmann<sup>(a)</sup>,  
 ( ) Mr. Kelly, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Mahony, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Orchard, Mr. Pigott,  
 Mr. Rodgers, Major-General Ryrie<sup>(a)</sup>, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Watt, and Mr. Yates.

\* On leave.

(a) Absent with Australian Imperial Force.

WALTER A. GALE,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*