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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 156.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 19TH SEPTEMBER, 1919.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1919-20.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 103.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the 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,*" to which it has agreed without requests.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 19th September, 1919, a.m.

3. 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.
Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put and negatived.
Debate on original motion continued.
Question—That the motion be agreed to—put and passed.
4. TREATY RE PROTECTION OF FRANCE AGAINST 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 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—
Question—put and passed.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1919-20.—The following Message from His Excellency the Deputy of the Governor-General was received, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. H. IRVINE,
Deputy of the Governor-General.

Message No. 98.

A Bill intituled "*Supply Act (No. 2) 1919-20,*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Deputy of the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

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6. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Electoral Act and Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1919, No. 229.

Public Service Act—

Promotion of C. J. Townsend, Department of the Treasury.

Regulation Amended—Statutory Rules 1919, No. 225.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at nineteen 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—
 Lieut.-Col. Abbott, Mr. Bayley, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Considine, Sir Joseph Cook, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Groom, Mr. Heitmann^(a), Mr. Kelly, Mr. Lister, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Mahony, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Orchard, Mr. Pigott, Mr. Rodgers, Major-General Ryrie^(a), Mr. Sampson, Mr. Spence, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Watt, and Mr. Yates.

* On leave.

(a) Absent with Australian Imperial Force.

WALTER A. GALE,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.