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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 157.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER, 1919.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—RETURNED SOLDIERS AND INCREASED RENTS.—Mr. Hughes, by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the Increased Rents asked by Landlords from Returned Soldiers and their dependants.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Papers presented to the British Parliament—  
Peace Treaty—  
Germany—  
Rhine Provinces—Declaration by the Governments of the United States of America, Great Britain, and France in regard to the occupation of.  
Rhine Territories—Agreement between the United States of America, Belgium, the British Empire, and France, and Germany with regard to the Military occupation of. Signed at Versailles, 28th June, 1919.  
Poland—Treaty of Peace between the United States of America, the British Empire, France, Italy, and Japan, and Poland. Signed at Versailles, 28th June, 1919.  
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.  
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1919, Nos. 212, 213, 217, 219.
4. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Friday next.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put.  
The House divided—

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Archibald	Mr. Kelly
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Leckie
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Livingston
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Lynch
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bruce	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Burchell	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Orchard
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Corser	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Spence
Mr. Greene	Mr. Wise
Mr. Gregory	
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Jowett	

Tellers:

Mr. Story
Mr. John Thomson

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Mr. Brennan	Mr. Tudor
Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Charlton	Mr. West
Mr. Corboy	
Mr. Higgs	
Mr. Mahony	
Mr. McDonald	

Tellers:

Mr. Page
Mr. Yates

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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5. NAURU ISLAND AGREEMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—  
Mr. Hughes moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Poynton 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 a later hour this day.
6. PEACE LOAN.—Mr. Poynton, by leave, made a Statement with reference to the amount of subscriptions to the Peace Loan.
7. NAURU ISLAND AGREEMENT 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—  
Debate resumed.  
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.)*

Bill agreed to, and to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir Joseph Cook, the House adopted the Report.

Sir Joseph Cook 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 Sir Joseph Cook, the Bill was read a third time.

8. CUSTOMS BILL (1919).—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

*(In the Committee.)*

Clause 12 further considered—

Debate ensued on the amendment moved by Mr. Charlton, viz. :—That the following words be inserted after the word "section" (line 12) :—"such value to be made public by the Comptroller-General".

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

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at its next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

And then the House, at seventeen minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Friday next, at eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Lieut.-Col. Abbott, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Considine, Mr. Falkiner, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Heitmann\*<sup>(a)</sup>, Mr. McGrath, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Riley, Major-General Ryrie\*<sup>(a)</sup>, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Watt.

\* On leave.

(a) Absent with Australian Imperial Force.

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