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# THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 167.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 16TH OCTOBER, 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. PETITION.—Mr. W. Maloney presented a Petition from citizens and electors of the Commonwealth praying that expression of opinion may be made lawful; that the section in the Post and Telegraph Act which makes the sending through the post of postal articles containing blasphemous matter an offence may be repealed; and that the common law which makes blasphemy an offence may be abolished.  
Petition received and read.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Award and Order of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, and other documents, in connexion with complaints submitted by the—  
Australian Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association—Dated 3rd October, 1919.  
Commonwealth Temporary Clerks' Association—Dated 3rd October, 1919.
4. TREATY OF PEACE [GERMANY] 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.  
Question—put.  
The House divided—

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Archibald	Mr. Kelly
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Lamond
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Lister
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Lynch
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Sampson
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Corser	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Spence
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Watt
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Webster
Mr. Greene	
Mr. Groom	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Story
Mr. Jowett	Mr. John Thomson

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Mr. Anstey	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Brennan	Mr. West
Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. Yates
Mr. Finlayson	
Mr. W. Maloney	
Mr. Mathews	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Tudor	Mr. Charlton
Mr. Wallace	Mr. Riley

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

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*(In the Committee.)*

Bill agreed to, and to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Hughes, the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Hughes 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. Hughes, the Bill was read a third time.

5. LOAN BILL (1919) [£1,107,602].—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Deputy of the Governor-General's Message No. 102—

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

*(In the Committee.)*

*Resolved*, on the motion of Mr. Watt—That it is expedient that an appropriation of moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of the sum of One million one hundred and seven thousand six hundred and two pounds for certain purposes.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Mr. Watt moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Watt, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Watt and Mr. Poynton do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Watt then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Watt 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.)*

Clauses 1, 2, and 3 agreed to.

Schedule 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. Groom, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—TASMANIAN LOAN REDEMPTION BILL.—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. 103.*

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 and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the raising of moneys for paying off, repurchasing or redeeming certain Debentures issued by the State of Tasmania.

Federal Government House,  
Melbourne, 16th October, 1919.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message, in Committee of the whole House, be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the intervening Business be postponed until after the consideration of Notices of Motion Nos. 4, 5, and 6, Government Business.

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8. NAVIGATION BILL (1919).—Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend Sections One, Two, Six and Seven of the *Navigation Act 1912*.  
Question—put and passed.  
Mr. Groom 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.
9. CUSTOMS TARIFF VALIDATION BILL (1919).—Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Customs under Tariff Proposals.  
Question—put and passed.  
Mr. Groom 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.
10. EXCISE TARIFF VALIDATION BILL (1919).—Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Excise under Tariff Proposals.  
Question—put and passed.  
Mr. Groom 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.
11. TASMANIAN LOAN REDEMPTION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 103—  
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

*(In the Committee.)*

*Resolved*, on the motion of Mr. Watt, after debate—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the raising of moneys for paying off, repurchasing or redeeming certain Debentures issued by the State of Tasmania.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Mr. Watt moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Watt, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Watt and Mr. Glynn do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Watt then 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.

12. REFERENDUM (CONSTITUTION ALTERATION) 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.  
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—

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.

13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Greene moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fourteen minutes past 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. Bamford, Mr. Blakeley, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Considine, Mr. Corboy, Mr. Falkiner, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Heitmann<sup>(a)</sup>, Mr. Leckie, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Mahony, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Orchard, Mr. Pigott, Mr. Rodgers, Major-General Sir Granville Ryrie<sup>(a)</sup>, and Mr. Bruce Smith.

\* On leave.

(a) Absent with Australian Imperial Force.

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