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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

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No. 8.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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FRIDAY, 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 1920.

1. **The House met**, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. **JUDICIARY BILL (1920)**.—Mr. Hughes moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Judiciary Act* 1903-1915 and for other purposes.  
Question—put and passed.
3. **PAPERS**.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Postmaster-General's Department—Ninth Annual Report, 1918-19.  
Peace—  
Austria—Treaty of Peace between the Allied and Associated Powers and Austria, together with the Protocol and Declarations Annexed thereto, signed at Saint-Germain-en-Laye, 10th September, 1919.  
Treaty of Peace between Allied and Associated Powers and Austria—Protocol of Signature signed at Saint-Germain-en-Laye, 10th September, 1919.  
Austro-Hungary—Agreement between the Allied and Associated Powers with regard to the Contributions to the Cost of Liberation of the Territories of the former Austro-Hungarian Monarchy, signed at Saint-Germain-en-Laye, 10th September, 1919.  
Italian Reparation Payments—Agreement between the Allied and Associated Powers with regard to, signed at Saint-Germain-en-Laye, 10th September, 1919.  
Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.  
The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Public Service Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1920, No. 36.
4. **SUPPLY BILL (No. 4) 1919-20**.—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.

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(*In the Committee.*)

Clause 2 further debated.

Mr. Ryan moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the clause :—

“ Provided that no moneys shall be issued or applied after the 31st day of March, 1920, for maintaining the secret service which is commonly known as ‘ The Commonwealth Police Force ’ ”.

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put.

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The Committee divided—

Ayes, 25.		Noes, 37.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Jowett
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Kerby
Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Blundell	Mr. Lamond
Mr. Considine	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Lister
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Nicholls	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marks
Mr. Francis	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Marr
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Tudor	Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Hill	Mr. West	Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Lavelle		Mr. Corser	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Lazzarini		Mr. Fleming	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Mahony	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Makin	Mr. James Page	Mr. Fowler	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Gibson	Mr. Laird Smith
		Mr. Greene	Mr. Wienholt
		Mr. Groom	Mr. Wise
		Mr. Hay	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Hughes	Mr. Bamford
		Mr. Jackson	Mr. Story

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 3 debated.

Mr. Parker Moloney moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the clause:—

“ Provided that no sum shall be available to satisfy payments towards the up-keep of what is known as Commonwealth Police after 30th April, 1920 ”.

The Chairman ruled the proposed Amendment out of order on the ground that it was substantially the same as one already negatived by the Committee.

*Dissent from Chairman's Ruling—*

Mr. Parker Moloney having handed in, in writing, an objection to the Ruling of the Chairman, moved, That the Ruling be dissented from.

Question—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 21.		Noes, 43.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Hughes
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Bamford	Mr. Jowett
Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. Nicholls	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Kerby
Mr. Considine	Mr. Ryan	Sir Robert Best	Mr. Lamond
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Tudor	Mr. Blundell	Mr. Lister
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Lavelle	Mr. West	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marks
Mr. Lazzarini		Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marr
Mr. Mahon	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Mahony	Mr. Fenton	Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Makin	Mr. James Page	Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Mathews		Mr. Corser	Mr. Prowse
		Mr. Fleming	Mr. Rodgers
		Mr. R. W. Foster	Sir Granville Ryrie
		Mr. Fowler	Mr. Laird Smith
		Mr. Francis	Mr. Stewart
		Mr. Gibson	Mr. Wienholt
		Mr. Greene	Mr. Wise
		Mr. Gregory	
		Mr. Groom	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Hay	Mr. Burchell
		Mr. Higgs	Mr. Story
		Mr. Hill	

And so it was negatived.

Clause further debated and agreed to.

Clause 4 agreed to.

THE SCHEDULE:—

THE PARLIAMENT, £7,690.

Mr. Blakeley moved, That the sum be reduced by £1.

Debate ensued.

Amendment—put and negatived.

Vote agreed to.

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The PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT, £20,090, debated and agreed to.  
The DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, £74,170, debated and agreed to.  
Remainder of Schedule agreed to.  
Preamble agreed to.  
Title agreed to.  
Bill to be reported without amendment.

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The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Hughes, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at five minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next, at three o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Charlton\*, Mr. Livingston\*, Mr. Riley, and Mr. Watt.

\* On leave.

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