

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 14.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 26TH MARCH, 1920.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PRIVILEGE.—Mr. J. H. Catts, as a matter of Privilege, moved, That in the opinion of this House Mr. Speaker has infringed the privileges of honorable Members under the Standing Orders, by ruling out of order, a Notice of Motion, given openly in the House, after leave of the House had been obtained, and before such notice had been moved, thus preventing such notice coming before the House.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Brennan	Mr. Mathews
Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Considine	Mr. Riley
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Lavelle	Mr. West
Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Mahony	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Makin	Mr. Blakeley
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. James Page

Noes, 38.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Hill
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Hughes
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Jowett
Mr. Bell	Mr. Kerby
Mr. Blundell	Mr. Lamond
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marks
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marr
Mr. Chanter	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Poynton
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Corser	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Fleming	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Wienholt
Mr. Francis	Mr. Wise
Mr. Gibson	
Mr. Greene	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Groom	Mr. Burchell
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Story

And so it was negatived.

3. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Prowse moved, as an amendment, That the word "Tuesday" be omitted with a view to the insertion of the word "Monday" in place thereof.

Debate continued.

Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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The House divided—

Ayes, 35.		Noes, 25.	
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Marr
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Jackson	Mr. Bowden	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Bell	Mr. Kerby	Mr. Considine	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Blundell	Mr. Lamond	Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Fleming	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marks	Mr. Fowler	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. James Page	Mr. Gabb	Mr. Tudor
Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Gregory	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Riley	Mr. Hill	Mr. Wienholt
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Rodgers	Mr. Lavelle	
Sir Joseph Cook	Sir Granville Ryrie	Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Corser	Mr. Laird Smith	Mr. Mahony	
Mr. Fenton	Mr. West	Mr. Makin	Mr. Blakeley
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Wise.	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Francis			
Mr. Gibson	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Greene			
Mr. Groom	Mr. Burchell		
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Story		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put and passed

4. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (MR. WATT).—Mr. Hughes moved, by leave, That leave of absence for two months be given to the Right Honorable Member for Balaclava (Mr. Watt).

Question—put and passed.

5. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Rodgers rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The agreement for the manufacture and sale of Australian Wool Tops between the Commonwealth Government and the Colonial Combing, Spinning, and Weaving Company Ltd."

Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—

Mr. Rodgers moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The time having arrived for the interruption (in accordance with Standing Order No. 119) of the debate—

Mr. Hughes was given leave to continue his speech, and Mr. Riley was given leave to make a statement.

At a quarter to three o'clock the debate was interrupted and the Business of the Day was called on.

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

Arbitration (Public Service Act)—

Awards and Orders made by the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, and other documents, in the following cases:—

Australian Commonwealth Post and Telegraph Officers' Association—Dated 5th March, 1920.

Australian Letter Carriers' Association—Dated 3rd March, 1920 (2).

7. OBJECTION TO MR. SPEAKER'S RULING.—The motion, notice of which had been given by Mr. J. H. Catts, was not proceeded with.

8. WAR GRATUITY 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.

Mr. Considine 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 Tuesday next.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-three minutes to five o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next, at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Anstey, Mr. Charlton*, Mr. Robert Cook, Mr. Hay, Mr. Livingston*, Mr. Mahon, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Earle Page, and Mr. Watt*.

* On leave.

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