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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 58.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH AUGUST, 1920.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. NEW GUINEA BILL.—Sir Joseph Cook moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to make provision for the Acceptance of a Mandate for the Government of certain Territories and Islands in the Pacific Ocean, and to make immediate provision for the Civil Government of the said Territories and Islands, and for other purposes.

Mr. Cunningham moved, as an amendment, That the words “, in accordance with the principles of the White Australia policy,” be inserted after the words “Civil Government”.

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided—

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Brennan	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Considine	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Riley
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Hill	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Lavelle	Mr. West
Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Mahony	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Makin	Mr. Charlton
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Mathews	

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Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Hay
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Higgs
Mr. Bell	Mr. Jackson
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Lister
Mr. Blundell	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marks
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marr
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Prowse
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Corser	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Wise
Mr. Francis	
Mr. Gibson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Greene	Mr. Burchell
Mr. Groom	Mr. Story

And so it was negatived.

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

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3. **ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.**—Mr. Makin 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 serious shortage of coal supplies in the State of South Australia".

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. Makin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 119, and the Business of the Day was called on.

4. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (MR. BOWDEN).**—Sir Joseph Cook moved, by leave, That leave of absence for three months be given to the honorable Member for Nepean (Mr. Bowden), on the ground of ill-health.

Question—put and passed.

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

Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1920, No. 135.

Papua—Ordinance of 1920—No. 3—Aliens.

War Service Homes Act—Land acquired under, at—

Daylesford, Victoria.

Wahgunyah, Victoria (2).

6. **CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (1920.)**—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Charlton moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.

Ordered, after debate—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

7. **BUTTER AGREEMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Greene moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Parker Moloney, addressing the House and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

8. **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PUBLIC SERVICE BILL (1920).**—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 40.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "An Act to amend the 'Commonwealth Public Service Act 1902-1918'," and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 18th August, 1920.

Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message 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. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Sir Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at thirteen minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Anstey*, Mr. Blakeley, Mr. Bowden*, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jowett, Mr. Lamond, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Mahon, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. James Page*, Mr. Watt*, and Mr. Wienholt.

* On leave.

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