

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 62.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 26TH AUGUST, 1920.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.
2. **ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.**—The Clerk, at the Table, having informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, and read Prayers.
3. **PRINTING OF PAPERS.**—Mr. Hughes moved, That the following Papers, laid on the Table of the House on the 24th September, 1919, be printed :—
 - 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.
 - Question—put and passed.
4. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act—Statement for 1919–20.
Ordered to be printed.
 - Public Service Act—Department of the Treasury—Promotions of—S. R. Peterson, H. L. Cox, B. Perrin, H. H. Emmett, F. B. Lee, J. V. Hawtin, H. H. Trebileo, R. J. Mair, E. W. Tunks, W. R. Kinane.
 - War Service Homes Act—Land acquired under, at Daylesford, Victoria.
5. **SUPPLY [“GRIEVANCE DAY”].**—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—
 - Question proposed—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
 - Debate ensued.
 - Mr. Parker Moloney moved, as an amendment, That the following words be inserted after the word “That” :—“the Postmaster-General be requested to provide increased postal and telephonic facilities for country districts, and to grant a drought allowance to mail contractors for the year 1920”.
 - Debate ensued.
 - Mr. Gregory moved, as an amendment upon the proposed amendment, That all the words after the word “the” (first occurring) in the proposed amendment be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof :—
 - “House approves of the proposals of the Postmaster-General to further liberalize the postal and telephonic facilities in country districts”.
 - Debate continued.
 - Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the proposed amendment—put.

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The House divided—

Ayes, 21.		Noes, 31.	
Mr. Charlton	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Lamond
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Bell	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Blundell	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Hill	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marks
Mr. Jowett	Mr. West	Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marr
Mr. Lavelle	Mr. Wienholt	Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Lazzarini		Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Mahony		Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Makin	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Corser	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. McGrath	Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Riley	Mr. Fowler	Mr. Wise
		Mr. Francis	
		Mr. Gibson	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Greene	Mr. Burchell
		Mr. Gregory	Mr. Story
		Mr. Groom	

And so it was negatived.

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

The House divided—

Ayes, 32.		Noes, 20.	
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Jackson	Mr. Charlton	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Jowett	Mr. Cunningham	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Bell	Mr. Lamond	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Blundell	Mr. Livingston	Mr. Gabb	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Hill	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marks	Mr. Lavelle	Mr. West
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Marr	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Wienholt
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Mahony	
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Makin	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Corser	Mr. Prowse	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Riley
Mr. R. W. Foster	Sir Granville Ryrie	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Laird Smith		
Mr. Francis	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Gibson			
Mr. Greene	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Burchell		
Mr. Groom	Mr. Story		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the amendment, as amended, be agreed to—put and passed.

Sir Joseph Cook moved, as a further amendment, That the words "Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair" be omitted from the motion as amended.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Question—That the Motion, as amended, be agreed to—debated.

Closure.

Sir Joseph Cook moved, That the Question be now put.

Question—That the Question be now put—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 32.		Noes, 16.	
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Jowett	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Lamond	Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Bell	Mr. Livingston	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Blundell	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Gabb	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marks	Mr. Hill	Mr. West
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marr	Mr. Lavelle	
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Mr. Gibson	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Greene			
Mr. Gregory	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Groom	Mr. Burchell		
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Story		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative

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And the Question being accordingly put—That the House approves of the proposals of the Postmaster-General to further liberalize the postal and telephonic facilities in country districts—was passed.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—BUTTER AGREEMENT BILL.—Mr. Deputy-Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 44.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to the Exportation of Butter from the Commonwealth,*" to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 26th August, 1920.

THOS GIVENS,
President.

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

And then the House, at twenty-five minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock a.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. Higgs, Sir Elliot Johnson, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. James Page*, and Mr. Watt*.

* On leave.

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

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