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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 107.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH NOVEMBER, 1920.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. **KALGOORLIE BY-ELECTION.**—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had that day issued the Writ in connexion with the By-election for the Kalgoorlie Division. The dates fixed were those announced to the House at the close of the previous sitting.
3. **JOINT COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—REPORT.**—Mr. Fowler, Chairman of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, brought up the following Report from the Committee—
Commonwealth Shipbuilding.
Ordered to be printed.
4. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Customs Act—Direction No. 1 Exchange Rates and Value for Duty.
Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1920, No. 215.
5. **ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.**—Sir Robert Best 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 evil of pillaging, which is greatly increasing on the waterfront of 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—
Sir Robert Best moved, That the House do now adjourn.
While the honorable Member was addressing the House—
Closure—
Mr. Gabb moved, That the question be now put.
Question—That the question be now put—put.
The House divided—

Ayes, 5.

Mr. Lavelle	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Riley	Mr. Considine
Mr. Ryan	Mr. Gabb

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Mr. Bayley	Mr. Lamond
Mr. Bell	Mr. Lister
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Blundell	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Marks
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marr
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. McDonald
Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Chanter	Mr. McWilliams
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Corser	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Fenton	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Francis	Mr. West
Mr. Greene	Mr. Wise
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Higgs	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hill	
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Burchell
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Story

And so it was negatived.

Debate on Main Question 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 Orders of the Day were called on.

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6. SUPPLY.—[ESTIMATES 1920-21].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Debate resumed on Vote—The Postmaster-General's Department, £6,352,936.

Mr. Ryan moved, as an amendment, That the amount of the Vote be reduced by £1.

Debate continued.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Fleming reported accordingly.

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

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Groom moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twelve minutes past eleven 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. Atkinson, Mr. Bowden*, Mr. Austin Chapman, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Hay, Mr. Jowett, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Makin, Mr. Mathews, Mr. Parker Moloney, Mr. Nicholls, and Mr. Watt.

* On leave.

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