

1920.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 109.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 19TH NOVEMBER, 1920.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Monday next at three o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.
3. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Watkins 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 refusal of the Victorian Government to obey the award of the recent Tribunal under the Industrial Peace Act, in connexion with the coal industry".
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. Watkins moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Mr. Hughes having intimated, before commencing his speech, that he would be unable to conclude his speech within the time allowed by Standing Order No. 39, he was given leave to continue his speech for an additional fifteen minutes.
Debate continued.
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.
4. IMMIGRATION BILL (1920).—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. James Page 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 Monday next.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—ELECTORAL (WAR-TIME) REPEAL BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 71.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to repeal the Commonwealth Electoral (War-time Act) 1917-1919*," to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 19th November, 1920.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

19th November, 1920.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—LAND TAX BILL (1920).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 72.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Land Tax Act 1918 ’, as amended by the ‘ Land Tax Act 1919 ’,*” to which it has agreed without requests.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 19th November, 1920.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

7. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Audit Act—Transfers of amounts approved by the Governor-General in Council—Financial year 1919–20, dated 17th November, 1920.
Public Service Act—
Appointment of J. Lyng, Home and Territories Department.
Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1920, No. 220.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the remaining Orders of the Day be postponed until after the consideration of Notices of Motion Nos. 1 and 2, Government Business.
9. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—ADDITIONAL TELEPHONE TRUNK LINE BETWEEN SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.—Mr. Wise moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913–1914*, the following work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for their report thereon, viz.:—Erection of an additional telephone trunk line between Sydney and Melbourne.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
10. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—TELEPHONE TRUNK LINE BETWEEN BRISBANE AND SYDNEY.—Mr. Wise moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913–1914*, the following work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for their report thereon, viz.:—Erection of a telephone trunk line between Brisbane and Sydney.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Groom moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seven minutes to four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Monday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Anstey, Mr. Bowden, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Austin Chapman, Mr. Charlton, Sir Joseph Cook, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Fenton, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hay, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Makin, Mr. Marks, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Watt.

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