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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 151.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE, 1921.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Deputy-Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (MR. LAZZARINI).—Mr. Charlton moved, by leave, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Werriwa (Mr. Lazzarini), on the ground of undergoing medical treatment.  
Question—put and passed.
3. OCEAN FREIGHTS—EXCESSIVE RATES CHARGED ON AUSTRALIAN PRODUCTS.—Mr. Jowett moved, pursuant to notice, That this House desires to direct the attention of the Right Honorable the Prime Minister of Australia to the excessive and crushing rates of ocean freights now being charged upon the exportable products of Australia. Also, that this House requests the Prime Minister to use his best endeavours to obtain the co-operation of the Imperial Government, also of the Governments of His Majesty's other Dominions, to secure a very substantial reduction upon the ocean freights now being charged upon the exportable products of His Majesty's Dominions.  
Points of Order having been raised, and objection having been taken to the motion being treated as unopposed, it ceased to have precedence.
4. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Repatriation Commission—Rulings of the Commission under the Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act 1920, and the Regulations.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.  
The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Public Service Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1921, No. 111.
5. WAYS AND MEANS [THE TARIFF].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

*(In the Committee.)*

[See reprinted Tariff, which incorporates the proposed Resolutions of 24th March, 1920 (*vide* pages 36-88 *ante*), as amended by the proposed Resolutions of 16th September, 1920 (*vide* pages 321-6, *ante*).]

Item 291 (Timber)—

Debate ensued.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at its next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Greene moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.

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

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bruce, Mr. Higgs, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hughes\*, Mr. Jackson, Sir Elliot Johnson\*, Mr. Lazzarini\*, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Poynton\*, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Tudor\*, and Mr. Wienholt.

\* On leave.

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