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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 163.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH JULY, 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. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Ryan 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 attitude of Australia towards International affairs and especially in respect to the following matters :—

- (a) The desirability of approving and supporting any move made in the direction of the preservation of the world's peace by the limitation of armaments ;
- (b) The necessity of requiring in the public interest more exact information of the proceedings of the Imperial Conference now sitting ;
- (c) The necessity of instructing the Prime Minister of Australia that he is not to approve of any commitment with regard to foreign relations except subject to the condition that such commitment shall be ratified by the people of Australia.”

Mr. Deputy-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. Ryan moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Sir Joseph Cook, addressing the House, and not having, in compliance with Standing Order No. 39, concluded his speech within fifteen minutes, the honorable Member was, by leave of the House, allowed to continue his speech.

Ordered—That the time allowed for the debate be extended to five o'clock p.m.

Debate continued.

At five o'clock p.m., the time allotted having expired, the debate was interrupted, and the Business of the Day was called on.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—WAR SERVICE HOMES COMMISSIONER VALIDATING BILL.—Mr. Deputy-Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 86.

The Senate has agreed to the amendments made by the House of Representatives in the Bill for “*An Act to validate certain acts performed by persons purporting to act as War Service Homes Commissioner and Acting War Service Homes Commissioner respectively and to validate the appointment of a person as Acting War Service Homes Commissioner.*”

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 13th July, 1921.

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

Australian Imperial Force Canteens Funds Act—First Annual Report by the Trustees, to 31st May, 1921.

Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1921, Nos. 118, 119.

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13th July, 1921.

5. **TARIFF BOARD BILL.**—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, *and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Fenton, viz.:*—That all the words after the word “now” be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof:—“withdrawn for the purpose of immediately re-casting and re-introducing so as to provide for—

(a) adequate guarantees for the primary producers and consumers generally that they can obtain locally manufactured articles or goods at reasonable prices;

(b) the securing of proper wages and conditions for those employed in protected industries”—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Cunningham, 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.

6. **PAPER.**—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
National Relief Fund—Final Report on the Administration up to 1st March, 1921. (Paper presented to British Parliament.)

Ordered to lie on the Table.

7. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Sir Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at three 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. Bayley, Sir Robert Best, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Bruce, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Austin Chapman, Mr. Considine, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jackson, Sir Elliot Johnson*, Mr. Lamond, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Lazzarini*, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Marks, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Poynton*, Mr. Prowse, Mr. Tudor, Mr. West, and Mr. Wienholt.

* On leave.

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