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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 167.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 20TH 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. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PACIFIC OCEAN AND DISARMAMENT CONFERENCES.—Sir Joseph Cook, by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the proposed Conferences with respect to the Pacific Ocean and Disarmament Problems, and read a cablegram from the Prime Minister with reference to the proceedings at the Imperial Conference now sitting and the publicity given to its proceedings.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1921, Nos. 124, 125.
New Guinea—Ordinance of 1921—No. 7—Navigation Act Suspension.
4. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1921-22.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Deputy-Speaker :—

FORSTER,
Governor-General.

Message No. 54.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-two.

Sydney, 11th July, 1921.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be referred to the Committee of Supply.

5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 2, Government Business.
6. SUPPLY RESOLUTION [SUPPLY BILL].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1921-22.

Sir Joseph Cook moved, That there be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year 1921-22 a sum not exceeding £4,903,879.

Mr. Ryan moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the motion :—

“—provided that the Commonwealth Government shall take steps to ensure the continuance of the wheat pool, and immediately enter into negotiation with the respective State Governments in order to give effect to this principle.”

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put.

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The Committee divided—

Ayes, 13.		Nces, 26.	
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Bell	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Blundell	Mr. Marks
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Considine		Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Cunningham		Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Fenton	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Francis	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Greene	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Makin	Mr. Riley	Mr. Gregory	Mr. Laird Smith
		Mr. Groom	Mr. Stewart
		Mr. Hay	Mr. Wise
		Mr. Higgs	
		Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Jowett	Mr. Marr
		Mr. Lamond	Mr. Story

And so it was negatived.

Debate upon original motion continued.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly.

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

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 half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bowden, Mr. Bruce, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Austin Chapman, Mr. Robert Cook, Mr. Corser, Mr. Foley, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jackson, Sir Elliot Johnson, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Lazzarini*, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Mahony, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Tudor, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Wiepholt.

* On leave.

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