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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 169.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 22ND JULY, 1921.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Deputy-Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS.—Sir Joseph Cook moved, by leave, That leave of absence be given to every Member of the House of Representatives from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next sitting.
Question—put and passed.
3. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Joseph Cook moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, which time of meeting shall be notified by Mr. Speaker to each Member by telegram or letter.
Question—put and passed.
4. FLOUR AND WHEAT BOARD.—Sir Joseph Cook laid upon the Table, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, a letter with regard to the present flour position and the position of the Australian Wheat Board as regards freights, &c.—and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Mr. Gregory moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the motion:—

“and having in view the unsettled trading and financial conditions existing as the result of the War, this House is of opinion that the continuance of the present Wheat Pool for the purpose of the control and disposal of the 1921-22 wheat crop is necessary in the interests of the growers and of the Commonwealth.”

Debate ensued.

Want of Quorum.—Deputy-Speaker's Ruling:—Attention having been called by an honorable Member to the absence of a quorum and the bells having been rung and a quorum having been formed, and attention having been again immediately called, by the same honorable Member, to the absence of a quorum—Mr. Deputy-Speaker said that, following the procedure observed in the House of Commons, he would not again count the House until a reasonable interval of time had elapsed after his previous count of the House. This interval he considered should be a quarter of an hour, as provided for by the Standing Orders in other cases.

Debate continued.

Mr. Charlton moved, as an amendment upon the amendment, That the following words be added to the proposed amendment:—

“but that, in the opinion of this House, the representatives of the Country Party are blameworthy for their failure to support the motion of the Leader of the Opposition for the continuance of the Wheat Pool.”

Debate ensued.

Closure.—Mr. Stewart moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Hill
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Jowett
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bell	Mr. Marks
Mr. Blundell	Mr. Marr
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Poynton
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Fleming	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Francis	Mr. Wise
Mr. Greene	
Mr. Gregory	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Groom	Mr. Burchell
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Story

Noes, 12.

Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Riley
Mr. Considine	Mr. West
Mr. Cunningham	
Mr. Makin	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Gabb
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Parker Moloney

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question being accordingly put—That the words proposed [by Mr. Charlton] to be added to the proposed amendment be so added—

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The House divided—

Ayes, 12.		Noes, 29.	
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Jowett
Mr. Considine	Mr. Riley	Mr. Bamford	Mr. Lister
Mr. Gabb	Mr. West	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Marks
Mr. Makin		Mr. Bell	Mr. Marr
Mr. W. Maloney	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Blundell	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Poynton
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Cunningham	Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Rodgers
		Mr. Fleming	Sir Granville Ryrie
		Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Laird Smith
		Mr. Fowler	Mr. Stewart
		Mr. Francis	Mr. Wise
		Mr. Greene	
		Mr. Gregory	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Groom	Mr. Burchell
		Mr. Higgs	Mr. Story
		Mr. Hill	

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the words proposed [by Mr. Gregory] to be added to the motion be so added—put accordingly and passed.

Question, as amended, viz. :—That the Paper be printed, and having in view the unsettled trading and financial conditions existing as the result of the War, this House is of opinion that the continuance of the present Wheat Pool for the purpose of the control and disposal of the 1921-22 wheat crop is necessary in the interests of the growers and of the Commonwealth—put accordingly and passed.

5. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—PROPOSED MOTION FOR.—Mr. Blakeley proceeding to move, That the Standing Orders be suspended to allow the motion for the adjournment of the House to debate a matter of urgency to be discussed—

Closure—Mr. Lamond moved, That the honorable Member for Darling (Mr. Blakeley) be not further heard.

Question—That the honorable Member for Darling be not further heard—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 27.		Noes, 13.	
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Lister	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Bell	Mr. Marks	Mr. Charlton	Mr. McWilliams
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Marr	Mr. Considine	Mr. West
Mr. Blundell	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Cunningham	
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Rodgers	Mr. Gabb	<i>Tellers:</i>
Sir Joseph Cook	Sir Granville Ryrie	Mr. Makin	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Laird Smith	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Riley
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Mathews	
Mr. Greene	Mr. Watt		
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Groom			
Mr. Higgs	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Hill	Mr. Burchell		
Mr. Jowett	Mr. Story		
Mr. Lamond			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

6. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—MOTION FOR.—Mr. Higgs moved, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as will permit of the Honorable the Acting Prime Minister making a Statement regarding the proposed Loan.

Debate ensued.

Closure—Sir Joseph Cook moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 32.		Noes, 12.	
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Jowett	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Lamond	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Riley
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Lister	Mr. Considine	Mr. West
Mr. Bell	Mr. Marks	Mr. Cunningham	
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Marr	Mr. Makin	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Blundell	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Gabb
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Parker Moloney
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Rodgers		
Mr. Fleming	Sir Granville Ryrie		
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Laird Smith		
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Stewart		
Mr. Francis	Mr. Watt		
Mr. Greene	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Gregory	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Groom	Mr. Burchell		
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Story		
Mr. Hill			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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And the question being accordingly put—That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as will permit of the Honorable the Acting Prime Minister making a Statement regarding the proposed Loan—

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Mr. Francis	Mr. Watt		
Mr. Greene	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Gregory			
Mr. Groom	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Burchell		
Mr. Hill	Mr. Story		

There not being an absolute majority of the Members of the House voting in favour of the motion, Mr. Deputy-Speaker declared that the Resolution was of no effect.

7. SHALE OIL BOUNTY BILL (1921).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—

Mr. Greene moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

- Clause 1 agreed to.
- Clause 2 debated and agreed to.
- Clauses 3 and 4 agreed to.
- Title agreed to.
- Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Bamford reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Greene, the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, see page 690 *ante*) the Bill was read a third time.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1921-22.—Mr. Deputy-Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 87.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the 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," to which it has agreed without requests.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 22nd July, 1921.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

9. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Factories—Commonwealth Government—Reports on—Clothing, Cordite (including Acetate of Lime), Harness, Saddlery, and Leather Accoutrements, Small Arms, Woollen Cloth—Reports for year ended 30th June, 1920.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

10. ALBION AND NEWMARKET (QUEENSLAND) AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE EXCHANGES—APPROVAL OF CARRYING OUT OF WORK.—Mr Groom moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provision of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1914*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed works:—Erection of Automatic Telephone Exchanges, Albion and Newmarket, Queensland—which said works were referred to the Public Works Committee, and on which the Committee has duly reported to this House the result of its inquiries.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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11. **POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.**—Ordered, That the consideration of Notice of Motion No. 2 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 2, Government Business.
12. **TELEPHONE TRUNK LINE BETWEEN BRISBANE AND SYDNEY—APPROVAL OF CARRYING OUT OF WORK.**—Mr. Wise moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provision of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1914*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work:—Erection of a telephone trunk line between Brisbane and Sydney—which said work was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, and on which the Committee has duly reported to this House the result of its inquiries.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
13. **ADDITIONAL TELEPHONE TRUNK LINE BETWEEN SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE—APPROVAL OF CARRYING OUT OF WORK.**—Mr. Wise moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provision of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1914*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work:—Erection of an additional telephone trunk line between Sydney and Melbourne—which said work was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, and on which the Committee has duly reported to this House the result of its inquiries.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
14. **ADDITIONAL TELEGRAPH LINE, PERTH TO EUCLA—APPROVAL OF CARRYING OUT OF WORK.**—Mr. Wise moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provision of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1914*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work:—Erection of additional telegraph line from Perth to Eucla, *via* the Transcontinental Railway Route—which said work was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, and on which the Committee has duly reported to this House the result of its inquiries.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
15. **ORDNANCE, ETC., BUILDINGS, KELVIN GROVE, BRISBANE—APPROVAL OF CARRYING OUT OF WORK.**—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Groom:—That, in accordance with the provision of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1914*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work:—Erection of Ordnance and other Defence Buildings at Kelvin Grove, Brisbane, Queensland—which said work was referred to the Public Works Committee, and on which the Committee has duly reported to this House the result of its inquiries—
Question—put and passed.
16. **ADJOURNMENT—COUNT OUT.**—Sir Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Brennan called the attention of Mr. Deputy-Speaker to the fact that a quorum of Members was not present.
The bells having been rung, and a quorum not having been obtained within the prescribed time, Mr. Deputy-Speaker thereupon, at ten minutes to five o'clock p.m., adjourned the House until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, and to be notified by him to each Member by telegram or letter, as determined by Resolution of the House this day.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Anstey, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Bruce, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Austin Chapman, Mr. Robert Cook, Mr. Corser, Mr. Fenton, Mr. Foley, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hay, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jackson, Sir Elliot Johnson, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Mahony, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Prowse, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Tudor, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Wienholt.

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