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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 172.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1921.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Norfolk Island—Report for the year ended 30th June, 1921.
Papua—Oilfields in—Reports on operations of the Anglo-Persian Oil Company during March to July, 1921.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
River Murray Waters Act—River Murray Commission.—Report for year 1920-21.
Ordered to be printed.
3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT *RE* IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.—MOTION FOR PRINTING STATEMENT.—Mr. Hughes, by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the Imperial Conference, which was recently held in Great Britain, and in conclusion, moved, That the Statement be printed.
Mr. Charlton 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 the next day of sitting.
4. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES—ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1921-22.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1921-22.

Question—(*See page 702, ante*) That the Votes "The Department of Defence—Military", "The Department of the Navy", and "Departments of Navy and Defence—Air Services" be postponed until after the consideration of the other Votes for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.—put and passed.

Vote—"The Department of Trade and Customs £4,831" debated and agreed to.

Vote—"The Postmaster-General's Department £823,506" debated.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

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

5. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next, at three o'clock p.m.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
6. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—"DIGGERS'" LOAN—£10,000,000.—Sir Joseph Cook, by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the recent successful flotation of the "Diggers'" Loan of £10,000,000.
7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eight minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday 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. Bruce, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Livingston, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Stewart*, and Mr. Tudor.

* On leave.

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

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