

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 173.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH OCTOBER, 1921.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER.—Mr. Speaker presented—  
2nd General Papers Index, including Presented Papers, Committee Reports, Returns to Order, &c., of both Houses, and certain printed Papers not formally presented, 1910-1919 (4th, 5th, 6th and 7th Parliaments).  
Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS.—Mr. Gregory, Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, brought up the following Reports from the Committee—  
Reports, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to—  
Erection of Offices for Taxation and other Commonwealth Departments in Sydney.  
Proposed Automatic Telephone Exchanges, Ascot Vale and North Melbourne, Victoria.  
Ordered—That the Papers be printed.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1921, Nos. 183, 184, 185.  
New Guinea Act—Ordinances of 1921—  
No. 13—Customs Tariff (Amendment).  
No. 14—Intoxicating Liquors (No. 2).  
No. 15—Business Tax (Amount).  
No. 16—Treasury.  
No. 17—Appropriation, 1921-22.  
Papua—Ordinance of 1921—No. 5—Trust Fund Advances.  
Public Service Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1921, No. 152.
5. DEATH OF PREMIER OF NEW SOUTH WALES (THE HONORABLE JOHN STOREY).—Mr. Hughes, by leave, announced to the House, with deep regret, the death of the Honorable John Storey, Premier of New South Wales, and expressed the sympathy of honorable Members with the relatives of the deceased gentleman in their great loss.  
Mr. Charlton, Mr. Earle Page, and Mr. Mahony, by leave, also addressed the House expressing their sympathy.  
As a mark of respect to the memory of the late honorable gentleman, all honorable Members rose in silence in their places.
6. FURTHER MINISTERIAL STATEMENT *RE* IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.—MOTION FOR PRINTING CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS.—Mr. Hughes, by leave, made a further Ministerial Statement with reference to the Imperial Conference which was recently held in Great Britain, and, in conclusion, moved, That certain Resolutions of the Conference with regard to War Reparations, &c., be printed.  
Ordered—That the debate upon the motion for the printing of the Resolutions be proceeded with concurrently with the debate upon the motion moved on Friday last for the printing of the Ministerial Statement with reference to the Imperial Conference.

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7. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT *RE* IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.—MOTION FOR PRINTING STATEMENT.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Hughes—That the Ministerial Statement *re* Imperial Conference [*made on the 30th September*] be printed—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Charlton, addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257A, was given leave to continue his speech for five minutes.

Debate continued.

Mr. Blakeley 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 to-morrow.

- 8 ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at four minutes to ten 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. Anstey, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Bruce, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Considine, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Jowett, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. McDonald, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Stewart\*, and Mr. Tudor.

\* On leave.

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