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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 174.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 6TH OCTOBER, 1921.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AS TO WASHINGTON CONFERENCE *RE* DISARMAMENT, ETC.—MOTION FOR PRINTING CABLEGRAM.—Mr. Hughes, by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the Conference which it was proposed to hold in Washington with reference to the question of Disarmament, &c., and, in conclusion, moved, That the cablegram (from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated 3rd October, 1921, conveying the invitation of the Prime Minister of Great Britain to Australia to be represented on the British Empire Delegation at the Washington Conference) be printed.

Mr. Charlton moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word "That" be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof:—

"in the opinion of this House the Disarmament Conference to be held at Washington is of vital importance, and that Australia should be represented thereat by a representative of the Government and each of the other parties, and that the decisions of such Conference should be subject to ratification by this Parliament".

Debate continued.

The time having arrived for the interruption of the debate (in accordance with Standing Order No. 119)—

Ordered—That the debate be continued.

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 44.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Hunter
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Jowett
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Lamond
Mr. Bell	Mr. Lister
Mr. Blundell	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Marks
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Mair
Mr. Considine	Mr. Maxwell
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Foley	Mr. Prowse
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Francis	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Greene	Mr. Watt
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Wienholt
Mr. Groom	Mr. Wise
Mr. Hay	
Mr. Higgs	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Hill	Mr. Burchell.
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Story

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Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Gabb	Mr. West
Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Mahony	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Makin	Mr. Fenton
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Riley

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Question—That the motion be agreed to—proposed.

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

“and, in the opinion of this House, a Member of the House of Representatives should be appointed to represent Australia at the Washington Conference.”

Debate ensued.

Mr. Charlton, addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that the honorable Member 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.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seventeen minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock a.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. Cunningham, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Stewart*, and Mr. Tudor.

* On leave.

WALTER A. GALE,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.