THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 180.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 20TH 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. Petition.—Mr. W. Maloney 'presented a Petition from certain returned soldiers and electors of Australia praying that returned soldiers and other workers unemployed in the State of Victoria should be provided, at the earliest opportunity, with the right to work and live in Australia. Petition received and read.
- 3. Leave of Absence to Members (Mr. Tudor and Mr. McDonald).—Mr. Charlton moved, by leave, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Yarra (Mr. Tudor), and to the honorable Member for Kennedy (Mr. McDonald), on the ground of ill-health.

Question-put and passed.

4. Leave of Absence to Members (Mr. Bowden, Mr. Bruce, and Mr. Jackson).—Sir Joseph Cook moved, by leave, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Nepean (Mr. Bowden), on the ground of ill-health, and to the honorable Member for Flinders (Mr. Bruce) and the honorable Member for Bass (Mr. Jackson), on the ground of urgent public business.

Question-put and passed.

5. Supply [Budget Debate].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

ESTIMATES, 1921-22.

General debate resumed on the question (see page 702 ante), That the first Item in the Estimates under Division I.—The Parliament—namely—

The President £1,100

be agreed to, and on the Amendment of Mr. Earle Page, That the Item be reduced by 10s. Sir Joseph Cook, addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257A, the honorable Member was given leave to continue his speech.

Debate continued.

Mr. Groom moved, That progress be reported, and leave asked to sit again. Question—put.

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The Committee divided-

Ayes, 41.	Noes, 22.
Mr. Atkinson Mr. Bamford Mr. Bayley Mr. Lamond Mr. Bell Mr. Lister Mr. Blundell Mr. Livingston Mr. Austin Chapman Sir Joseph Cook Mr. Robert Cook Mr. Robert Cook Mr. Fleming Mr. Fleming Mr. Foley Mr. R. W. Foster Mr. Fowler Mr. Francis Mr. Francis Mr. Watt Mr. Gibson Mr. Greene Mr. Gregory Mr. Groom Mr. Hay Mr. Higgs Mr. Burchell Mr. Story And so it was resolved in the faffirmative.	Mr. Anstey Mr. Blakeley Mr. Brennan Mr. J. H. Catts Mr. Charlton Mr. Considine Mr. Cunningham Mr. Fenton Mr. Gabb Mr. Lambert Mr. Lavelle Mr. Lazzarini Mr. Makin Mr. W. Maloney Mr. McGrath Mr. McWilliams Mr. Parker Moloney Mr. West Tellers: Mr. Riley Mr. Riley Mr. Watkins

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly. Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determination by the Arbitrator, &c.—No. 7 of 1921—In the matter of "Travelling Time", as affecting various Public Service organizations.

7. Adjournment.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House do now adjourn. Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eleven minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock a.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bowden* Mr. Bruce*, Mr. Jackson*, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. McDonald*, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Stewart*, and Mr. Tudor*.

• On leave.

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