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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

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No. 200.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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WEDNESDAY, 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 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. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
 Air Communication between Great Britain and Australia—Report of Expert Committee appointed by the Air Ministry of Great Britain—Imperial Government Scheme; together with Private Enterprise Scheme submitted by Mr. A. H. Ashbolt.  
 Wireless Service—Proposal by Radio Communication Company with reference to Wireless communication between Australia and the United Kingdom.  
 Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
3. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until eleven o'clock a.m. to-morrow.  
 Question—put and passed.
4. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—  
 Public Service Act—Promotions of J. L. White, H. C. Hunt, M. H. Marshall, C. J. Sypott, C. C. Green, A. L. Connolly, F. V. Boyle, T. R. Cox, J. A. T. Anderson, W. J. Hannan, Department of the Treasury.
5. SUPPLY.—ESTIMATES, 1921-22.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

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*(In the Committee.)*

ESTIMATES, 1921-22.

Vote—"The Attorney-General's Department £108,000"—  
 Debate ensued.

Mr. Fenton moved, That Division No. 46—"Commonwealth Investigation Branch £8,477" be omitted.

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, temporarily withdrawn.

Ordered—That the Vote be taken in Divisions.

Divisions Nos. 40 to 43 agreed to.

Division No. 44—"Court of Conciliation and Arbitration £6,354"—

Mr. Atkinson moved, That the amount be reduced by £1.

Question—put.

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The Committee divided—

Ayes, 13.	
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Wienholt
Mr. Gibson	
Mr. Gregory	
Mr. Hay	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hill	Mr. Considine
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Stewart

Noes, 41.	
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Lamond
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Lister
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Blundell	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mahony
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Marks
Mr. Bruce	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Riley
Mr. Corser	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Cunningham	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Foley	Mr. Watkins
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Watt
Mr. Francis	Mr. Wise
Mr. Gabb	
Mr. Greene	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Groom	Mr. Bell
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Story
Mr. Hughes	

And so it was negatived.

Division agreed to.

Division No. 45 agreed to.

Division No. 46—"Commonwealth Investigation Branch £8,477"—

Mr. Fenton moved, That the Division be omitted.

Question—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 14.	
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Riley
Mr. Considine	Mr. West
Mr. Fenton	
Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Mahony	Mr. Gabb
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Watkins

Noes, 38.	
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Hughes
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Hunter
Mr. Bell	Mr. Jackson
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Jowett
Mr. Blundell	Mr. Lamond
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Marks
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Corser	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Foley	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Francis	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Wienholt
Mr. Greene	Mr. Wise
Mr. Gregory	
Mr. Groom	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hay	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Story

And so it was negatived.

Division agreed to.

Division No. 47 debated and agreed to.

Division No. 48 agreed to.

Vote—"The Home and Territories Department £771,788"—

Ordered—That the Vote be taken as a whole.

Debate on Vote ensued.

Mr. Brennan moved, That Division No. 55—"Northern Territory—General Services £104,346" be reduced by £1.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Considine moved, That the Division be reduced by £1.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 6.		Noes, 30.
Mr. Considine	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Hill
Mr. Mahony	Mr. Bell	Mr. Jackson
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Blundell	Mr. Lamond
Mr. Wienholt	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Livingston
	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marks
<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Watkins	Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Prowse
	Mr. Corser	Mr. Rodgers
	Mr. Foley	Sir Granville Ryrie
	Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Laird Smith
	Mr. Gibson	Mr. Wise
	Mr. Greene	
	Mr. Gregory	<i>Tellers:</i>
	Mr. Groom	Mr. Mackay
	Mr. Higgs	Mr. Story

And so it was negatived.

Vote—"The Home and Territories Department £771,788" agreed to.  
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—LOAN APPROPRIATION BILL [£8,370,406].—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 99.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to authorize the Issue and Application of the sum of Eight million three hundred and seventy thousand four hundred and six pounds,*" to which it has agreed without amendment.

THOS. GIVENS,  
President.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 30th November, 1921.

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

And then the House, at one minute to eleven 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. Burchell, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Marr, Mr. Mathews, Mr. Nicholls, and Mr. Tudor.

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