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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 28.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 30TH AUGUST, 1922.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
New Hebrides—Protocol respecting, signed at London, 6th August, 1914, by representatives of the British and French Governments—(Ratifications exchanged at London, 18th March, 1922).
Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Electoral Act—Second Report, with Maps, by the Commissioners appointed for the purpose of redistributing the State of Victoria into Electoral Divisions.

Report ordered to be printed.

Factories, Commonwealth Government—Woollen Cloth Factory—Manufacturing and Profit and Loss Account for year ended 30th June, 1921 (*in substitution for Statement in Appendix "A" of Report presented on 21st July, 1922*).

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, in Western Australia, for Defence purposes, at—Carnarvon, Derby, Hamelin Pool, Onslow, Roebourne, Winning Pool.

Public Service Act—

Appointment of M. E. Woodforde, Department of Works and Railways.

Promotion of V. F. Turner, Home and Territories Department.

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3. LOAN BILL (1922) [£12,000,000].—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—
Mr. Bruce moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
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 Government is deserving of severe censure for its maladministration in connexion with War Service Homes which has resulted in wasteful expenditure of public money and the imposition of excessive charges to returned soldiers."

Debate ensued.

Closure.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Bamford	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Lamond
Mr. Bell	Mr. Lister
Mr. Blundell	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marks
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Corser	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Foley	Mr. Wise
Mr. R. W. Foster	
Mr. Greene	
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Higgs	
Mr. Hughes	

Tellers:

Mr. Mackay
Mr. Marr

Noes, 25.

Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Considine	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Hill	Mr. West
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Wienholt
Mr. Jowett	
Mr. Lambert	
Mr. Mahony	
Mr. Makin	
Mr. Mathews	

Tellers:

Mr. Fenton
Mr. Riley

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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And the question being accordingly put—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—

The House divided—

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Bamford	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Jowett
Mr. Bell	Mr. Lamond
Mr. Blundell	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marks
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Pratten
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Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Wienholt
Mr. Greene	Mr. Wise
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Higgs	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Marr
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Mackay

Noes, 22.

Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Considine	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Hill	Mr. West
Mr. Lambert	
Mr. Mahony	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Makin	Mr. Fenton
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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the main question—That the Bill be now read a second time—being accordingly put, was passed.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1—

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

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

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

4. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the intervening business be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 7.
5. DEFENCE (CIVIL EMPLOYMENT) BILL (1922).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Bill agreed to, and to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Groom, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Blakeley, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Gregory*, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Nicholls, and Mr. Story.

* On leave.

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