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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 67.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH OCTOBER, 1912.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MOTION OF CENSURE ON THE GOVERNMENT.—Mr. Hedges moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the decision of the Government to use karri sleepers, treated or untreated, in preference to other more suitable timbers, in the construction of the Kalgoorlie-Port Augusta railway, is deserving of censure.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Riley moved an amendment, That the words "the construction of the Transcontinental Railway should be deferred pending the appointment and report of a Royal Commission in regard to the best timber for sleepers to be used in the construction" be inserted in the Motion after the word "House".

Debate ensued.

Mr. Groom moved an amendment to the proposed amendment, viz., That the words "should be deferred" be omitted from the proposed amendment.

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided—

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. W. J. Johnson
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Page
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Brown	Mr. Riley
Mr. Cann	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Carr	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Catts	Mr. Spence
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Webster
Mr. Fisher	Mr. West
Mr. Frazer	
Mr. Higgs	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Howe	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Jensen	Mr. Watkins

Noes, 19.

Mr. Cook	Mr. Palmer
Sir John Forrest	Sir John Quick
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Salmon
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Wynne
Mr. Gordon	
Mr. Greene	
Mr. Groom	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hedges	Mr. Kelly
Mr. W. H. Irvine	Mr. Thomson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

16th October, 1912.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted in the original Motion be so inserted—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 19.		Noes, 30.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. Riley	Mr. Archibald	Mr. W. J. Johnson
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Salmon	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Cook	Mr. Sampson	Mr. Brown	Mr. Poynton
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Sinclair	Mr. Cann	Sir John Quick
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Thomson	Mr. Carr	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Gordon	Mr. Wynne	Mr. Catts	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Greene		Mr. Fenton	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Groom		Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Spence
Mr. Hedges	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Fisher	Mr. Thomas
Mr. W. H. Irvine	Mr. Charlton	Sir John Forrest	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Palmer	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Fowler	Mr. Webster
		Mr. Frazer	Mr. West
		Mr. Glynn	
		Mr. Higgs	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Howe	Mr. Page
		Mr. Jensen	Mr. Watkins

And so it was negatived.

Question—That, in the opinion of this House, the decision of the Government to use karri sleepers, treated or untreated, in preference to other more suitable timbers, in the construction of the Kalgoorlie-Port Augusta railway, is deserving of censure—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 19.		Noes, 29.	
Mr. Cook	Mr. Palmer	Mr. Anstey	Mr. W. J. Johnson
Sir John Forrest	Sir John Quick	Mr. Archibald	Mr. Mathews
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Salmon	Mr. Bamford	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Sampson	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riley
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Sinclair	Mr. Brown	Mr. Roberts
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Wynne	Mr. Cann	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Gordon		Mr. Carr	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Greene		Mr. Catts	Mr. Spence
Mr. Groom	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Hedges	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Tudor
Mr. W. H. Irvine	Mr. Thomson	Mr. Finlayson	Mr. West
		Mr. Fisher	
		Mr. Frazer	
		Mr. Higgs	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Howe	Mr. Page
		Mr. Jensen	Mr. Watkins

And so it was negatived.

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

Question—put and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bennett, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Deakin, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Frank J. Foster, Mr. Hans Irvine, Mr. Livingston, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McDougall, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Parker Moloney, and Mr. Bruce Smith.

WALTER A. GALE,

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*for Clerk of the House of Representatives.*