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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH OCTOBER, 1918

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. THE LATE RIGHT HONORABLE SIR GEORGE REID.—Mr. Speaker informed honorable Members that he had received through the High Commissioner's Office the following cablegram, dated 28th September, 1918, in reference to the resolution of the House, agreed to on the 18th September last, with regard to the death of Sir George Reid :—

"Reference your telegram 20th September Lady Reid conveys her deep heartfelt appreciation resolution passed by Commonwealth Parliament."
3. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Advertisements—Statement showing Cost of Advertising the Sixth War Loan in Newspapers.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1918, No. 242.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at Randwick, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.
War Precautions Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1918, Nos. 246, 248, 258.
4. WAR LOAN SUBSCRIPTIONS BILL.—Mr. Watt moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to Subscriptions to Commonwealth War Loans.

Question—put and passed.
Mr. Watt brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. Watt moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Higgs moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
5. NEW STANDING ORDER—LIMITATION OF DEBATE.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Watt :—That, notwithstanding any provisions in the Standing Orders to the contrary, there be forthwith adopted the following Standing Order, namely :—

LIMITATION OF DEBATE.

262A. (I.) On the reading of a Message from the Governor-General recommending an appropriation in connexion with any Bill, on the calling on of a motion for leave to introduce a Bill, or on the consideration of any resolution preliminary to the introduction of a Bill, or at any stage of a Bill, a Member of the Government may declare that the Bill is an Urgent Bill, and, on such declaration, the question "That the Bill be considered an Urgent Bill" shall be put forthwith—no debate or amendment being allowed—and on such motion being agreed to without dissentient voice, or being carried by an affirmative vote of not less than 24 Members, a Member of the Government may forthwith, or at any time during any sitting of the House or Committee, but not so as to interrupt a Member who is addressing the House or Committee, move a further motion or motions specifying the time which (exclusive of any adjournment or suspension of sitting) shall be allotted to all or any of the following :—

- (a) The initial stages of the Bill (including any motion or resolution preliminary to the introduction of the Bill) up to, but not inclusive of, the Second Reading of the Bill ;
- (b) The Second Reading of the Bill ;
- (c) The Committee stage of the Bill ;
- (d) The remaining stages of the Bill ;

and the order with regard to the time allotted to the Committee stage of the Bill may, out of the time allotted, apportion a certain time or times to a particular Clause or Clauses, or to any particular part or parts of the Bill.

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(II.) When Estimates of Expenditure are being considered, a Member of the Government may at any time declare that the Estimates are of an urgent nature, and, on such declaration, the question "That the Estimates of Expenditure be considered of an urgent nature" shall be put forthwith—no debate or amendment being allowed—and on such motion being agreed to without dissentient voice, or being carried by an affirmative vote of not less than 24 Members, a Member of the Government may forthwith, or at any time during any sitting of the Committee, but not so as to interrupt a Member who is addressing the Committee, move a further motion or motions specifying the time which (exclusive of any adjournment or suspension of sitting) shall be allotted to each or any Department of, or to the whole of, the Estimates.

(III.) When a Customs or Excise Tariff resolution is being considered, a Member of the Government may at any time declare that the proposed resolution is of an urgent nature, and, on such declaration, the question "That the Resolution be considered of an urgent nature" shall be put forthwith—no debate or amendment being allowed—and on such motion being agreed to without dissentient voice, or being carried by an affirmative vote of not less than 24 Members, a Member of the Government may forthwith, or at any time during any sitting of the Committee, but not so as to interrupt a Member who is addressing the Committee, move a further motion specifying the time or times which (exclusive of any adjournment or suspension of sitting) shall be allotted to any portion or portions of the Tariff, or to the Tariff as a whole.

(IV.) When any motion of any kind whatsoever has been moved, a Member of the Government may at any time declare that the motion is an urgent motion, and, on such declaration, the question "That the motion be considered an urgent motion" shall be put forthwith—no debate or amendment being allowed—and on such motion being agreed to without dissentient voice, or being carried by an affirmative vote of not less than 24 Members, a Member of the Government may forthwith move a further motion specifying the time which (exclusive of any adjournment or suspension of sitting) shall be allotted to the motion.

(V.) Upon such further motion or motions with regard to the allotment of time being moved, no debate thereon shall be allowed for more than one hour, and in speaking thereon no Member shall exceed ten minutes. If the debate be not sooner concluded then forthwith upon the expiration of that time the Speaker or the Chairman shall put any questions on any amendment or motion already proposed from the Chair.

(VI.) For the purpose of bringing to a conclusion any proceedings which are to be brought to a conclusion on the expiration of the time allotted under any motion passed under any of the preceding paragraphs of this Standing Order, the Speaker or the Chairman shall at the time appointed under the motion for the conclusion of those proceedings put forthwith the question on any amendment or motion already proposed from the Chair and, in the case of the consideration of any Bill in Committee, shall then put any clauses, and any Government amendments and new clauses and Schedules, copies of which have been circulated by the Government among Members two hours at least before the expiration of the allotted time, and any other question requisite to dispose of the business before the House or Committee. No other amendments, new clauses, or Schedules shall be proposed.

(VII.) Standing Order "A" (The Closure) adopted by the House on 23rd November, 1905, shall not apply to any proceedings in respect of which time has been allotted in pursuance of this Standing Order.

(VIII.) Where any time has been specified for the commencement of any proceedings in connexion with any business under this Standing Order, when the time so specified has been reached the business, whatsoever its nature be, then before the House or Committee shall be postponed forthwith, and the first-mentioned business shall be proceeded with, and all steps necessary to enable this to be done shall be taken accordingly—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Kelly moved, as an amendment, That the words "for the duration of the War" be inserted after the word "adopted" in line 2 of the motion.

Debate continued.

Mr. Blakeley moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Watt moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-three 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. Anstey*, Mr. Burchell^a, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Chapman, Sir Joseph Cook, Mr. Falkiner, Mr. Fleming^a, Mr. Heitmann^a, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Mahony, Mr. Manifold*, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Rodgers, Brigadier-General Ryrie^a, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Yates^a.

* On leave.

(a) Joined Australian Imperial Force.

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