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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 3RD DECEMBER, 1918.

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 Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Orders of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, and other documents, in connexion with plaints submitted by the—
 - Australian Commonwealth Post and Telegraph Officers' Association (dated 8th November, 1918).
 - Australian Commonwealth Post and Telegraph Officers' Association and Commonwealth Postmasters' Association (dated 8th November, 1918).
 - Australian Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association (dated 8th November, 1918).
 - Australian Letter Carriers' Association (dated 8th November, 1918), further varying award of 8th April, 1915.
 - Australian Letter Carriers' Association (dated 8th November, 1918), further varying award of 19th September, 1916.
 - Commonwealth General Division Telephone Officers' Association (dated 21st November, 1918).
 - Federated Public Service Assistants' Association of Australia (dated 8th November, 1918).
 - General Division Officers' Union of the Trade and Customs Department (dated 8th November, 1918).
 - Postal Sorters' Union of Australia (dated 7th November, 1918).
 - Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at Ballarat, Victoria—For Defence purposes.
 - Naval Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1918, Nos. 297, 298, 300.
 - Papua—Ordinance of 1918—No. 14.—Pearl, Pearl-shell, and Bêche-de-mer.
3. LOAN BILL (1918) [£1,242,194].—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Schedule further debated, and agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Groom, the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the remaining stage to be passed without delay.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Mr. Groom, after debate, the Bill was read a third time.

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4. WAR PRECAUTIONS BILL (1918).—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.

Mr. Charlton, addressing the House and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

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

And then the House, at twenty-two minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at three 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, Sir Joseph Cook*, Mr. Falkiner, Mr. Fleming*(a), Mr. Heitmann*(a), Mr. Hughes*, Mr. Jensen, Mr. Lamond, Mr. Livingston, Mr. McDonald, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Pigott, Brigadier-General Ryrie*(a), ~~Mr.~~ Bruce Smith, and Mr. Yates*(a).

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