

1917-18-19.

# THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 123.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 26TH JUNE, 1919.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Papua—Annual Report—For year 1917-18.  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
3. SUPPLY RESOLUTION [SUPPLY BILL].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

*(In the Committee.)*

SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1919-20.

Debate resumed on the following motion of Mr. Watt—That there be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year 1919-20 a sum not exceeding £4,337,335.

Motion agreed to.

Resolution 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.

4. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Watt moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.  
Question—put and passed.
5. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—The Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Watt, was adopted by the House.
6. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

*(In the Committee.)*

SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1919-20.

*Resolved*, on the motion of Mr. Watt—That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1919-20, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £4,337,335.

Resolution 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.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Watt, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Watt and Mr. Webster do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

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7. **SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1919-20.**—Mr. Watt then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Watt 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.)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 3 and 4 agreed to.

SCHEDULE—

THE PARLIAMENT agreed to.

THE DEPARTMENT OF PRIME MINISTER—

Mr. Finlayson moved, That Item "Salaries £2,000," be reduced by £1.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 14.

Mr. Brennan	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Corboy	Mr. West
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Yates
Mr. Finlayson	
Mr. Higgs	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Page
Mr. Riley	Mr. Watkins

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Mr. Archibald	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Orchard
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Corser	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Spence
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Watt
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Webster
Mr. Groom	Mr. Wise
Mr. Jowett	
Mr. Leckie	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Livingston	Mr. Story
Mr. Lynch	Mr. John Thomson
Mr. Mackay	

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Higgs moved, That Item "Contingencies £3,000" be reduced by £1.

Question—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Charlton	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Corboy	Mr. West
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Yates
Mr. Finlayson	
Mr. Higgs	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Page
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Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Spence
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Watt
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Webster
Mr. Groom	Mr. Wise
Mr. Jowett	
Mr. Lister	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Livingston	Mr. Story
Mr. Lynch	Mr. John Thomson
Mr. Mackay	

And so it was negatived.

Debate on Department continued.

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.

8. **PAPERS.**—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Sheepskins—British Imperial Government in account with Commonwealth Central Wool Committee for Purchase of Sheepskins, Season 1917-18.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—

Public Service Act—Promotion of F. W. Arnold, Postmaster-General's Department.

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

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

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—  
Lieut.-Col. Abbott, Mr. Anstey, Mr. Blakeley, Mr. Bruce, Mr. Burchell\*, Mr. J. H. Catts,  
Mr. Chapman, Sir Joseph Cook, Mr. Heitmann\*(a), Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jensen, Mr. Mahony,  
Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Rodgers, Brigadier-General Ryrie\*(a), and Mr. Bruce Smith.

\* On leave.

(a) Absent with Australian Imperial Force.

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