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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 12TH SEPTEMBER, 1919.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PRESENTATION OF BIBLE TO PARLIAMENT.—Mr. Speaker informed honorable Members that, at ten minutes past two that afternoon, in the North Library, His Excellency the Governor-General, on behalf of the British and Foreign Bible Society, would present to this Parliament a Bible and lectern to commemorate the signing of peace.
Mr. Speaker added that he would be glad if honorable Members would attend at the ceremony.
3. SUPPLY RESOLUTION [SUPPLY BILL].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1919-20.

Debate resumed on the following motion of Mr. Poynton—That there be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year 1919-20 a sum not exceeding £6,088,542.

Mr. Tudor moved, as an amendment, That the amount be reduced by £1.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amount proposed to be reduced be so reduced—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 17.		Noes, 31.	
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Nicholls	Lieut.-Col. Abbott	Mr. Leckie
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Page	Mr. Archibald	Mr. Lister
Mr. Corboy	Mr. Riley	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Tudor	Mr. Bamford	Mr. Orchard
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Wallace	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Higgs		Mr. Bruce	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Lynch		Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Mahony	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Corser	Mr. Sampson
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Fleming	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Fowler	Mr. Laird Smith
		Mr. Gibson	Mr. Webster
		Mr. Glynn	Mr. Wise
		Mr. Greene	
		Mr. Gregory	
		Mr. Groom	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Jowett	Mr. Story
		Mr. Lamond	Mr. John Thomson

And so it was negatived.

Debate upon original motion continued.

Original motion agreed to.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Bamford reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, on Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Groom 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.

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5. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—The Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Groom, 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. 2) 1919–20.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Groom—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 £6,088,542.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Bamford reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, on Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

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

7. SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1919–20.—Mr. Groom 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. 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. Bamford reported accordingly.

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

8. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Papers presented to the British Parliament :—

Education—Third Interim Report of the Adult Education Committee—Libraries and Museums.

Labour—Interim Report of the Committee of Inquiry into the Scheme of Out-of-Work Donation.

League of Nations—Covenant, with a Commentary thereon.

War Savings Committee (National)—Third Annual Report—2nd June, 1919.

Women’s Advisory Committee—Report of the Sub-Committee appointed to consider the position after the War of women holding temporary appointments in Government Departments.

Peace Treaty—Bill introduced into the British Parliament.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Groom moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at four minutes to five o’clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next, at three o’clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Anstey, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Considine, Mr. Falkiner, Mr. Heitmann^(a), Mr. Kelly, Mr. McGrath, Major-General Ryrie^(a), Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Spence, and Mr. Watt.

* On leave.

(a) Absent with Australian Imperial Force.

WALTER A. GALE,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.