
THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 159.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 1st OCTOBER, 1919.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. RETURN TO WRIT (ECHUCA DIVISION).—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a Return to the Writ which he had issued on the 21st August last, for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Echuca, in the State of Victoria, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Albert Clayton Palmer, and that by the indorsement on the Writ it appeared that William Caldwell Hill had been elected in pursuance of the said Writ.
3. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Peace Treaty—Reply of the Allied and Associated Powers to the observations of the German Delegation on the conditions of Peace. (Paper presented to the British Parliament).
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Public Service Act—Promotion of G. J. P. Tily, Postmaster-General's Department.
Seat of Government—Ordinance of 1919—No. 5—Interpretation.
4. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (LEGISLATIVE POWERS) BILL—DECLARATION AS URGENT BILL—LIMITATION OF DEBATE.—On the calling on of the motion standing in the name of Mr. Hughes, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to alter Section fifty-one of the Constitution—
Mr. Hughes having declared that the Bill was an Urgent Bill—
Question—That the Bill be considered an Urgent Bill—put and passed.
Mr. Hughes then moved, That the time allotted —
 - (a) for the initial stages of the Bill, up to, but not inclusive of, the Second Reading of the Bill, shall be until 5 p.m. this day ;
 - (b) for the Second Reading of the Bill, shall be from the conclusion of the initial stages, until 4.30 p.m. on Thursday, 2nd October, 1919 ;
 - (c) for the Committee stage of the Bill, shall be from the Second Reading of the Bill until 9 p.m. on Thursday, 2nd October, 1919 ;
 - (d) for the remaining stages of the Bill, shall be from the conclusion of the Committee stage until 10.30 p.m. on Thursday, 2nd October, 1919.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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The House divided—

Ayes, 37.		Noes, 11.	
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Lamond	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Riley
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Leckie	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Lister	Mr. Charlton	
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Livingston	Mr. Fenton	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Lynch	Mr. Higgs	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mackay	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Burchell	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Nicholls	
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Pigott		
Mr. Chapman	Mr. Poynton		
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Rodgers		
Mr. Corser	Mr. Sampson		
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Laird Smith		
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Spence		
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Webster		
Mr. Greene	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Groom			
Mr. Hughes			
Mr. Jensen	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Jowett	Mr. Story		
Mr. Kelly	Mr. John Thomson		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Hughes moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to alter Section fifty-one of the Constitution.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Hughes then 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. Hughes moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-nine minutes past ten 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—Lieut.-Col. Abbott, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Considine, Mr. Corboy, Mr. Finlayson, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Heitmann^(a), Mr. Hill, Mr. Mahony, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Orchard, Mr. Page, Major-General Ryrie^(a), Mr. Sinclair, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Watt, and Mr. Yates.

* On leave.

(a) Absent with Australian Imperial Force.

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