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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 171.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 23RD OCTOBER, 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. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—TREATY OF PEACE [GERMANY] BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 112.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to carry into effect the Treaty of Peace with Germany*," to which it has agreed with the amendment indicated in the annexed Schedule, in which amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 22nd October, 1919.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Variation of Award of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration and other documents, in connexion with plaint submitted by the—
Australian Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association (Minister for the Navy, respondent)—Dated 3rd October, 1919.

Public Service Act—Appointment of J. R. Watson, Department of Trade and Customs.

4. SUPPLY ["GRIEVANCE DAY" AND RESOLUTION—SUPPLY BILL].—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—

Question proposed --That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Mr. J. H. Catts moved, as an amendment, That the following words be inserted, after the word "That":—"this House directs the Government to pass legislation, before the House rises, to honour the promise of the Prime Minister at Brisbane on the 21st instant, in regard to increased soldier pensions and the payment of a war gratuity to returned soldiers and widows of deceased soldiers."

Closure—

Mr. Watt moved, That the Question be now put.

Question—That the Question be now put—put.

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The House divided—

Ayes, 34.		Noes, 9.	
Lieut.-Col. Abbott	Mr. Lister	Mr. Brennan	Mr. West
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Livingston	Mr. J. H. Catts	
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Lynch	Mr. Fenton	
Mr. Boyd	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Finlayson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Orchard	Mr. Higgs	Mr. Anstey
Mr. Burchell	Mr. Pigott	Mr. Tudor	Mr. Yates
Mr. Chanter	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. Watt		
Mr. Greene	Mr. Webster		
Mr. Heitmann	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Hill			
Mr. Jowett	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Lamond	Mr. Story		
Mr. Leckie	Mr. John Thomson		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted.

The House divided—

Ayes, 10.		Noes, 36.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. West	Lieut.-Col. Abbott	Mr. Lister
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Yates	Mr. Archibald	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Finlayson		Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Lynch
Mr. Higgs	<i>Tellers:</i>	Sir Robert Best	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Mathews	Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. Boyd	Mr. Orchard
Mr. Tudor	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Pigott
		Mr. Burchell	Mr. Poynton
		Mr. Chanter	Mr. Rodgers
		Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Sampson
		Mr. Corser	Mr. Sinclair
		Mr. Fleming	Mr. Laird Smith
		Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Spence
		Mr. Glynn	Mr. Watt
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And so it was negatived.

Question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 3) 1919-20.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Watt, after debate—That there be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year 1919-20 a sum not exceeding £5,091,170.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

5. 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.

6. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—The Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Watt, was adopted by the House.

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7. **WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION.**—The House, according to Order; resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 3) 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 £5,091,170.
Resolution to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, 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 Sir Joseph Cook do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

8. **SUPPLY BILL (No. 3) 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.)

Bill agreed to, and to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

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

9. **MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.**—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate:—

[*Loan Bill (1919) £1,107,602*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 113.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of the sum of One million one hundred and seven thousand six hundred and two pounds for certain purposes*," to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 23rd October, 1919.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

[*Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Bill (1919)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 114.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act 1906-1915*,'" to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 23rd October, 1919.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

[*Matrimonial Causes (Expeditionary Forces) Bill*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 115.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to apply the 'Imperial Act known as the 'Matrimonial Causes (Dominion Troops) Act 1919' to the Commonwealth of Australia*," to which it has agreed without amendment.

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Melbourne, 23rd October, 1919.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

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[*Sugar Industry Commission Bill*].—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 116.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to facilitate the proceedings of the Royal Commission appointed to hold an Inquiry into the Sugar Industry in Australia*," to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 23rd October, 1919.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

[*Navigation Bill (1919)*].—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 117.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend Sections One, Two, Six and Seven of the 'Navigation Act 1912'*," to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 23rd October, 1919.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

[*Customs Tariff Validation Bill (1919)*].—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 118.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Customs under Tariff Proposals*," to which it has agreed without requests.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 23rd October, 1919.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

[*Excise Tariff Validation Bill (1919)*].—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 119.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Excise under Tariff Proposals*," to which it has agreed without requests.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 23rd October, 1919.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

[*Tasmanian Loan Redemption Bill*].—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 120.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to authorize the raising of moneys for paying off, repurchasing or redeeming certain Debentures issued by the State of Tasmania*," to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 23rd October, 1919.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

10. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Railways Act—By-law No. 11.

Seamen's Compensation Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1919, No. 244.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bamford, Mr. Bayley, Mr. Blakeley, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Considine, Mr. Corboy, Mr. Falkiner, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Groom, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Mahony, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. McDonald, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Page, Mr. Riley, Major-General Sir Granville Ryrie^(a), Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Wallace, and Mr. Watkins.

* On leave.

(a) Absent with Australian Imperial Force.

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