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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 11.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 19TH MARCH, 1920.

1. The House met, at twelve o'clock noon, pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Deputy of the Governor-General was received, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

[Supply Bill (No. 4) 1919–20]—
W. H. IRVINE,
Deputy of the Governor-General. *Message No. 3.*

The following Bill intituled "*Supply Act (No. 4) 1919–1920*," as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Deputy of the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Melbourne, 18th March, 1920.
3. WAR GRATUITY BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 2—
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Hughes, after debate—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act relating to the payment of the War Gratuity.
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

The said resolution was read, and on the motion of Mr. Hughes, was adopted by the House.

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

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.

Mr. Tudor 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 the next sitting.

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4. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered, That the remaining Orders of the Day be postponed until after Notice of Motion No. 9.
5. **ORDER OF BUSINESS.**—Mr. Hughes moved, pursuant to notice, That on Wednesday and Friday in each week, unless otherwise ordered, Government Business shall take precedence of all other business; and that on each Thursday until half-past six o'clock, unless otherwise ordered, General Business shall take precedence of Government Business.
Question—put and passed.
6. **ORDER OF GENERAL BUSINESS.**—Mr. Hughes moved, pursuant to notice, That on Thursday in each week, unless otherwise ordered, General Business shall be called on in the following order, viz. :—
On one Thursday—
Notices of Motion.
Orders of the Day.
On the alternate Thursday—
Orders of the Day.
Notices of Motion.
Question—put and passed.
7. **STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE.**—Mr. Hughes moved, pursuant to notice, That Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister, the Chairman of Committees, Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Fowler, and Mr. Tudor be Members of the Standing Orders Committee; three to form a quorum.
Question—put and passed.
8. **LIBRARY COMMITTEE.**—Mr. Hughes moved, pursuant to notice, That Mr. Speaker, Mr. Anstey, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Higgs, Mr. Lamond, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Maxwell, and Mr. McDonald be Members of the Library Committee; three to form a quorum.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
9. **HOUSE COMMITTEE.**—Mr. Hughes moved, pursuant to notice, That Mr. Speaker, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Mathews, Mr. James Page, Mr. Rodgers, and Mr. Watkins be Members of the House Committee; three to form a quorum.
Question—put and passed.
10. **PRINTING COMMITTEE.**—Mr. Hughes moved, pursuant to notice, That Mr. Bamford, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Corser, Mr. Fenton, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Riley, and Mr. West be Members of the Printing Committee; three to form a quorum, with power to confer with a similar Committee of the Senate.
Question—put and passed.
11. **INDEMNITY BILL.**—Mr. Hughes moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for an Indemnity in relation to acts committed during the War and for other purposes.
Question—put and passed.
12. **AUDIT BILL (1920).**—Sir Joseph Cook moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Audit Act 1901-1917*.
Question—put and passed.
Sir Joseph Cook brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
13. **CUSTOMS BILL (1920).**—Mr. Greene moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Act 1901-1916*.
Question—put and passed.
14. **PAPER.**—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Audit Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1920, No. 8.
15. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered, That Order of the Day No. 2 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 3.
16. **SUPPLY [ESTIMATES 1919-20].**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Sir Joseph Cook moved, That the first item in the Estimates, under Division I.—The Parliament—namely—

The President £1,100

be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at its next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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17. INDEMNITY BILL.—Mr. Greene, for Mr. Hughes, pursuant to leave given this day, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to provide for an Indemnity in relation to acts committed during the War and for other purposes,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
18. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Greene moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at two minutes to four 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. Blakeley, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Austin Chapman, Mr. Charlton*, Mr. Robert Cook, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Groom, Mr. Lamond, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Mahony, Mr. Makin, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Parker Moloney, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Riley, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Watt, Mr. West, and Mr. Wise.

* On leave.

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