
THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 46.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 21ST JULY, 1920.

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 (BALLAARAT DIVISION).—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a Return to the Writ which he had issued on the 8th June last, for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Ballaarat, in the State of Victoria, and that by the indorsement on the Writ it appeared that David Charles McGrath had been elected in pursuance of the said Writ.
3. MEMBER SWORN.—David Charles McGrath, Esquire, was introduced, and made and subscribed the Oath required by law.
4. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Taxation—Increases of Wealth (War)—Report from the Select Committee of the House of Commons. (Paper presented to the British Parliament.)

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Deceased Soldiers' Estates Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1920, No. 109.

Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1920, Nos. 110, 118.

Northern Territory Ordinance of 1920—No. 4—Dog—(in substitution of the Paper laid upon the Table on the 1st instant).

Public Service Act—Promotion of F. W. H. Hay, Prime Minister's Department.

War Service Homes Act—Land acquired under, at Chilwell, Victoria.

5. OBJECTION TO MR. SPEAKER'S RULING.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the motion by Mr. Ryan on the 15th instant:—That the Speaker's ruling—That references to the inquiry before Sir Robert Garran in the Father Jerger case and to the conduct of the Executive in connexion with that inquiry are not proper subjects for discussion in Parliament be disagreed to—

Mr. Speaker stated that the motion was not in accordance with his ruling, which was that it was not in order to discuss matters which were *sub judice*.

Debate ensued.

Ordered, on the motion of Sir Joseph Cook—That the debate be continued until not later than a quarter-past six o'clock, at which time a Division shall be taken.

Debate continued.

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Question *as amended* by leave—That the Speaker's Ruling be disagreed with on the ground that references to the inquiry before Sir Robert Garran in the Father Jerger case and to the conduct of the Executive in connexion with that inquiry are proper subjects for discussion in Parliament—put—

The House divided—

Ayes, 19.		Noes, 36.	
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Hay
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Bamford	Mr. Higgs
Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Hill
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Bell	Mr. Hughes
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Tudor	Sir Robert Best	Mr. Lister
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Blundell	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Lavelle		Mr. Bowden	Mr. Marks
Mr. Lazzarini		Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marr
Mr. Mahony	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Makin	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Chanter	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Riley	Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Poynton
		Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Prowse
		Mr. Corser	Mr. Rodgers
		Mr. Fleming	Sir Granville Ryrie
		Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Wise
		Mr. Francis	
		Mr. Gibson	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Greene	Mr. Burchell
		Mr. Groom	Mr. Story

And so it was negatived.

It being more than two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the Orders of the Day were called on under Standing Order No. 119.

6. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the Orders of the Day be postponed until after the consideration of the Notice of Motion, Government Business.
7. **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—APPROVAL OF CARRYING OUT OF WORK.**—Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to notice, That the Parliamentary Standing Committee upon Public Works having furnished their report, it is expedient to carry out the following works:—Mobilization and Vehicle Stores at Seymour, Victoria, with the necessary railway connexion, water supply, &c.
Question—put and passed.
8. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 2, Government Business.
9. **INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY BILL.**—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Hay, addressing the House and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
10. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Groom moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-eight minutes to eleven 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—Mr. Anstey*, Mr. Austin Chapman, Mr. Considine, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Lamond, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Mahon, Mr. Maxwell*, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. James Page*, Mr. Laird Smith, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Watt*, Mr. West, and Mr. Wienholt.

* On leave.

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