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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 70.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 9TH SEPTEMBER, 1920.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS.—Mr. Gregory, Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, brought up the following Report from the Committee—
Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Plans, relating to the proposed Mobilization and Vehicle Stores, Midland Junction, Western Australia.
Ordered—That the Paper be printed.
3. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Public Service Act—Appointment of G. D. Williams, Department of Trade and Customs.
4. ARBITRATION (PUBLIC SERVICE) BILL (1920).—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 12—

Debate resumed on the following amendment by Mr. McGrath :—That the following words be added to sub-clause (1.) :—“ Provided that he shall not determine on any rate of wage which is less than the basic wage as ascertained by the Basic Wage Commission or other body duly constituted for the purpose of fixing a basic wage.”

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 19.		Noes, 34.	
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Lamond
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Nicholls	Mr. Bamford	Mr. Lister
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Bell	Mr. Marks
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Tudor	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marr
Mr. Lavelle	Mr. West	Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Lazzarini		Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Mahony		Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Makin	<i>Tellers :</i>	Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Riley	Mr. Corser	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. McGrath	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Fleming	Sir Granville Ryrie
		Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Laird Smith
		Mr. Gibson	Mr. Wienholt
		Mr. Greene	Mr. Wise
		Mr. Gregory	
		Mr. Groom	<i>Tellers :</i>
		Mr. Hughes	Mr. Burchell
		Mr. Jowett	Mr. Story

And so it was negatived.

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Mr. Tudor moved, as an amendment, That the word "such" (second occurring) (line 37) and the words "as the Arbitrator thinks necessary" (lines 38 and 39) be omitted from sub-clause (5.).

Debate ensued.

Amendment temporarily withdrawn.

Mr. Parker Moloney moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to sub-clause (1.) :—"but in arriving at what is a living wage he shall have regard to what amount is necessary to keep a married man, his wife, and three children in reasonable comfort."

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 18.		Noes, 34.	
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Lamond
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Nicholls	Mr. Bamford	Mr. Lister
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Bell	Mr. Marks
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Tudor	Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marr
Mr. Gabb	Mr. West	Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Lavelle		Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Makin	Mr. Mahony	Mr. Corser	Mr. Poynton
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Riley	Mr. Fleming	Mr. Rodgers
		Mr. R. W. Foster	Sir Granville Ryrie
		Mr. Gibson	Mr. Laird Smith
		Mr. Greene	Mr. Wienholt
		Mr. Gregory	Mr. Wise
		Mr. Groom	
		Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Hughes	Mr. Burchell
		Mr. Jowett	Mr. Story

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Lavelle moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to sub-clause (1.) :—"Provided that in determining such wages rates of pay or conditions of employment he shall not discriminate between married and single men on account of marriage only."

Debate ensued.

Progress to be reported.

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. DECLARATION OF ARBITRATION (PUBLIC SERVICE) BILL AS URGENT BILL—LIMITATION OF DEBATE.—
Mr. Hughes having declared that the Arbitration (Public Service) Bill (1920) was an Urgent Bill—
Question—That the Bill be considered an Urgent Bill—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 32.		Noes, 18.	
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Marks	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Nicholls
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Marr	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Bell	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Gabb	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Lavelle	Mr. West
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Rodgers	Mr. Mahony	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Corser	Sir Granville Ryrie	Mr. Makin	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Laird Smith	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Riley
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Stewart		
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Wienholt		
Mr. Greene	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Gregory			
Mr. Groom	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Hill	Mr. Burchell		
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Story		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Mr. Groom moved, That the time allotted in connexion with the Bill be as follows :—

- (a) For the completion of the remainder of the Committee stage of the Bill until 6 p.m. this day.
- (b) For the consideration of the remaining stages of the Bill until 6.25 p.m. this day.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 39.		Noes, 20.	
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Lamond	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Lister	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Nicholls
Mr. Bell	Mr. Marks	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Riley
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Marr	Mr. Gabb	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Lavelle	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Chanter	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. West
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Makin	
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Poynton	Mr. W. Maloney	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Corser	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Mahony
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Rodgers	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Watkins
Mr. R. W. Foster	Sir Granville Ryrie		
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Laird Smith		
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Stewart		
Mr. Greene	Mr. Wienholt		
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Groom			
Mr. Higgs			
Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Burchell		
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Story		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

6. ARBITRATION (PUBLIC SERVICE) BILL (1920).—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 12 (*continued*)—

Question—That the words proposed to be added to sub-clause (1.) of clause 12 be so added [see end of Entry No. 4 *ante*]—put—

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 20.		Noes, 38.	
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Lamond
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Bamford	Mr. Lister
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Nicholls	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Bell	Mr. Marks
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Tudor	Sir Robert Best	Mr. Marr
Mr. Lavelle	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. West	Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Makin		Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. W. Maloney	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Corser	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Mahony	Mr. Fleming	Mr. Prowse
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Riley	Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Rodgers
		Mr. Fowler	Sir Granville Ryrie
		Mr. Gibson	Mr. Laird Smith
		Mr. Greene	Mr. Stewart
		Mr. Gregory	Mr. Wienholt
		Mr. Groom	Mr. Wise
		Mr. Higgs	
		Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Hughes	Mr. Burchell
		Mr. Jackson	Mr. Story

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Tudor moved, as an amendment, (previously temporarily withdrawn, see Entry No. 4 *ante*)—That the word “such” (second occurring) (line 37) and the words “as the Arbitrator thinks necessary” (lines 38 and 39) be omitted.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

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The Committee divided—

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Bamford	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Lamond
Mr. Bell	Mr. Lister
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marks
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Marr
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Corser	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Poynton
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Francis	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Greene	Mr. Wienholt
Mr. Gregory	
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Higgs	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hill	Mr. Burchell
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Story

Noes, 19.

Mr. Brennan	Mr. Nicholls
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Lavelle	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. West
Mr. Makin	
Mr. W. Maloney	
Mr. Mathews	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. McGrath	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Mahony

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 13—

Mr. Groom moved, as an amendment, That the following sub-clauses be added to the clause:—

“(2.) The Arbitrator shall, at the request of the organization which has submitted a claim or application, or of the Commissioner, or of the Minister of any Department of State who has submitted an application or who is affected by the claim or application of the organization, and may, without such request, appoint an assessor or assessors to advise him in relation to the claim or application, and the assessor or assessors shall discharge such duties as are directed by the Arbitrator or as are prescribed.

“(3.) One of the assessors shall be a person nominated by the organization, and the other a person nominated jointly by the Commissioner and the Minister of each Department of State affected by the claim or application, or, in default of such nomination, appointed by the Governor-General.”

Question—put and passed.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 14—

Clause amended, on the motion of Mr. Groom, by the omission of the words “of which he has cognizance” (lines 21 and 22) and the insertion of the words “submitted to him” in place thereof; and by the addition of the words “and to give an interpretation of any determination” to paragraph (a).

Clause further amended, on the motion of Mr. Brennan, after debate, by the addition to paragraph (c) of the words “such evidence unless otherwise ordered by the Arbitrator for reasons affecting the public interests to be taken in public.”

Clause further amended, on the motion of Mr. Groom, after debate, by the addition to paragraph (e) of the following proviso:—

“Provided that before any common rule is so declared, the Arbitrator shall, by notification published in the *Gazette* and in such other publications, if any, as the Arbitrator directs specifying the matter in relation to which it is proposed to declare a common rule, make known that all persons and organizations interested and desirous of being heard may, on or before a day named, appear or be represented before the Arbitrator; and the Arbitrator shall, in manner prescribed, hear all such persons and organizations so appearing or represented; and”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 15 and 16 agreed to.

Clause 17—

Mr. Nicholls moved, as an amendment, That the following paragraph be added to the clause:—

“(b) the Arbitrator shall award such expenses as he considers have been necessarily incurred by witnesses in presenting evidence to assist him in arriving at any determination.”

Debate ensued.

Question—That the paragraph proposed to be added be so added—put.

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The Committee divided—
Ayes, 16.

Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Nicholls
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Gabb	Mr. West
Mr. Lavelle	
Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Mahony
Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Mathews

Noes, 30.

Mr. Bamford	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bell	Mr. Marks
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marr
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Corser	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Poynton
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Greene	Mr. Wienholt
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Wise
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Burchell
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Story

And so it was negatived.
Clause agreed to.
Clause 18 debated and agreed to.
Clause 19 agreed to.
Clause 20 debated and agreed to.
Clauses 21 and 22 agreed to.

New Clauses :—

Mr. Groom moved, That the following new clause be added to the Bill :—

14A. The Arbitrator may refer any claim or application submitted to him under this Act, or any matter arising out of the claim or application, to a person authorized by the Governor-General in that behalf, for investigation and report, and may delegate to that person such of his powers (other than the power to determine the claim or application) as he deems desirable; and the Arbitrator may, on the report, with or without hearing further evidence or argument, or both, determine the claim or application.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Parker Moloney moved, That the following new clause be added to the Bill :—

23.—(1.) The living wage on its declaration shall apply automatically to awards and agreements varying all wages and salaries in such by not less than the amount the living wage may have been varied.

(2.) The living wage shall be based on the figures of the Commonwealth Statistician relating to the purchasing power of money to be declared on the 31st March, 30th June, 30th September, and 31st December in each year, such living wage to apply to all adult members of a Commonwealth Public Service organization registered under the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act.

Debate ensued.

Proposed new clause, by leave, divided into two clauses.

Debate continued on proposed clause 23.—(1.).

Question—That the proposed new clause 23.—(1.) be added to the Bill—put and negatived.

Proposed clause 23.—(2.) not proceeded with.

Mr. Cunningham moved, That the following new clause be added to the Bill :—

24. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act any organization of such employees may avail themselves of the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration under the provisions of the Arbitration (Public Service) Act of 1911.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Brennan	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Nicholls
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Riley
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Lavelle	Mr. West
Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. W. Maloney	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Mahony
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Watkins

Noes, 39.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Jowett
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Lamond
Mr. Bell	Mr. Lister
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marks
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Marr
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Corser	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Prowse
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Fowler	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Francis	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Greene	Mr. Wise
Mr. Gregory	
Mr. Groom	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Burchell
Mr. Hill	Mr. Story
Mr. Hughes	

And so it was negatived.

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Mr. Cunningham moved, That the following new clause be added to the Bill :—

Representatives of organizations may take proceedings for breaches of awards.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Brennan	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Nicholls
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Gabb	Mr. West
Mr. Lavelle	
Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. W. Maloney	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Riley
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Watkins

Noes, 35.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Hill
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Hughes
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Bell	Mr. Jowett
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Lamond
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Lister
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Mackay
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Marr
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Corser	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. R. W. Foster	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Francis	Mr. Wise
Mr. Gibson	
Mr. Greene	
Mr. Gregory	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Groom	Mr. Burchell
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Story

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Lamond moved, That the following new clause be added to the Bill :—

Any employee who is not eligible to join an organization may personally submit to the Arbitrator a matter relating to his salary, wages, rates of pay, or terms or conditions of service or employment.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

Mr. Brennan moved, That the following new clause be added to the Bill :—

No employee shall be dismissed or injured in his employment or have his position altered to his prejudice by reason of the circumstance that the employee—

- (a) is an officer or member of an organization or of an association that has applied to be registered as an organization, or
- (b) is entitled to the benefit of an industrial agreement or an award ; or
- (c) has appeared as a witness or has given any evidence in a proceeding under this Act.

Penalty : Fifty pounds.

In any proceeding for an offence against this section if all the facts and circumstances constituting the offence other than the reason for the defendant's action, are proved, it shall be upon the defendant to prove that he was not actuated by the reason alleged in the charge.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Brennan	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Nicholls
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Hill	Mr. West
Mr. Lavelle	
Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Riley
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Watkins

Noes, 35.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Hughes
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Jowett
Mr. Bell	Mr. Lamond
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Lister
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Marr
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Corser	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. R. W. Foster	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Francis	Mr. Wise
Mr. Gibson	
Mr. Greene	
Mr. Gregory	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Groom	Mr. Burchell
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Story

And so it was negatived.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Groom, the House adopted the Report.

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Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 36.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Hughes
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Bell	Mr. Jowett
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Lamond
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Lister
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Marr
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Maxwell
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Corser	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. R. W. Foster	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Greene	Mr. Wise
Mr. Gregory	
Mr. Groom	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Burchell
Mr. Hill	Mr. Story

Noes, 16.

Mr. Brennan	Mr. Nicholls
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Lavelle	Mr. West
Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. W. Maloney	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Riley

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

7. PAPER.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute—

Commonwealth Bank Act—Commonwealth Bank of Australia—Aggregate Balance-sheet at 30th June, 1920; together with Auditor-General's Report thereon.

8. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—DEFENCE EXPENDITURE.—Mr. Hughes, by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the proposed expenditure in connexion with the Defence Forces of the Commonwealth.

9. WAR SERVICE HOMES BILL (1920).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—

Mr. Poynton 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 to-morrow.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at four minutes to ten 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. Blundell, Mr. Bowden*, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Hay, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Mahon, Mr. James Page*, and Mr. Watt*.

* On leave.

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