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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 71.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER, 1920.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Papers presented to the British Parliament—

Peace Treaty—

Italian Reparation Payments—Declaration modifying the Agreement of 10th September, 1919, between the Allied and Associated Powers with regard to. Signed in Paris, 8th December, 1919.

Serb-Croate-Slovene State—Declaration of Accession by, to the Treaty of Peace with Austria, the Treaty between the Principal Allied and Associated Powers and the Serb-Croat-Slovene State, and the Agreements with regard to the Italian Reparation Payments and the Contributions to the Cost of Liberation of the Territories of the former Austro-Hungarian Empire. Signed in Paris, 5th December, 1919.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

3. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. McWilliams rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The purchase of certain sawmills plant and lands in Queensland, at a cost to the Commonwealth of about £500,000 without the approval of this House".

Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—

Mr. McWilliams moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Earle Page moved, That an extension of time be granted until a quarter to four p.m., when a vote shall be taken.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Brennan	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Charlton	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Nicholls
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Francis	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Hill	Mr. West
Mr. Jowett	
Mr. Lavelle	
Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Makin	Mr. Mahony
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Riley

Tellers :

Noes, 29.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bell	Mr. Marks
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marr
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Rodgers
Sir Joseph Cook	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Corser	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Wise
Mr. R. W. Foster	
Mr. Greene	
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Higgs	
Mr. Hughes	

Tellers :

Mr. Burchell
Mr. Story

And so it was negatived.

It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 119, and the Orders of the Day were called on.

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4. INDUSTRIAL PEACE BILL.—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendments made by the Senate in this Bill—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendments, which are as follow :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

- No. 1.—Page 2, clause 4, lines 21–23, leave out “profits, prices, cost of production relating to an industrial dispute or to any industry”.
- No. 2.—Page 2, clause 4, line 35, after “whole” insert “, and also includes questions as to profits, prices, and cost of production, relating to an industrial dispute or to an industry”.
- No. 3.—Page 4, clause 11, lines 35–36, leave out “employer or recognised organization of employees”, insert “or associations”.
- No. 4.—Page 5, clause 15, line 13, leave out “organizations”, insert “associations”.
- No. 5.—Page 5, clause 15, lines 22–23, leave out “and the decision of the Tribunal on the question of relevancy shall be final”.
- No. 6.—Page 5, clause 15, line 24, after “commodity” insert “by the employer (in the case of a producing industry) and the decision of the Tribunal on the question of relevancy shall be final”.
- No. 7.—Page 5, clause 15, lines 25–31, leave out the first proviso.
- No. 8.—Page 5, clause 15, at end of clause add the following new sub-clauses :—
- “(2.) No evidence relating to any trade secret, or to the profits or financial position of any witness or party, shall be disclosed except to the Tribunal or published without the consent of the person entitled to the trade secret or non-disclosure.
Penalty : Five hundred pounds or imprisonment for three months.
- “(3.) All such evidence shall, if the witness or party so requests, be taken in private.”
- No. 9.—Page 6, clause 17, line 2, after “of” insert “the”.
- No. 10.—Page 6, clause 18, line 8, after “person” insert “(last occurring)”.
- No. 11.—Page 7, clause 22, after sub-clause (1.) insert the following new sub-clause :—
- “(1A.) Of the members, other than the chairman, one half shall be representative of employers, and one half shall be representative of recognised organizations of employees.”
- No. 12.—Page 7, clause 23, line 18, leave out “organizations”, insert “associations”.
- No. 13.—Page 8, after clause 28, insert the following new clause :—

“28A. During the currency of any award or order made by a Special Tribunal or a Local Board under this Act, the Court shall not have jurisdiction to make any award or order inconsistent with any such award or order.”

Court not to make award inconsistent with award of Special Tribunal.

On the motion of Mr. Hughes :—

- Amendments Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.
Amendment No. 3 agreed to, after debate.
Amendment No. 4 agreed to.
Amendment No. 5 agreed to, after debate.
Amendments Nos. 6 to 12 agreed to.
Amendment No. 13 agreed to, after debate.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

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

5. CENSUS AND STATISTICS BILL (1920).—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. Tudor 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 Wednesday next.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 3 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 4, Government Business.
7. WESTRALIAN FARMERS AGREEMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—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 Tuesday next.

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8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at six minutes past three o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday 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. Blundell, Mr. Bowden*, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Considine, Mr. Hay, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Mahon, Mr. Mathews, Mr. McGrath, Mr. James Page*, Mr. Watt*, and Mr. Wienholt.

* On leave.

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