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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 75.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER, 1920.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. DEATH OF SIR THOMAS EWING.—Mr. Hughes announced to the House, with deep regret, the death of the Honorable Sir Thomas Ewing, K.C.M.G., who for many years represented Richmond in the House of Representatives.  
Mr. Tudor, Mr. McWilliams, and Mr. Austin Chapman also expressed great regret at the death of the honorable gentleman.  
Honorable Members thereupon rose and stood for some moments in silence.
3. POST AND TELEGRAPH RATES BILL (1920).—Mr. Wise moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the ' *Post and Telegraph Rates Act 1902-1918.*' ”  
Question—put and passed.  
Mr. Wise 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.  
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
4. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—REPRESENTATION OF AUSTRALIA AT GENEVA CONFERENCE, &c.—Mr. Hughes, by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the representation of the Commonwealth at the forthcoming League of Nations Conference to be held at Geneva and the future representation of Australia in Great Britain, &c.  
Mr. Tudor, by leave, also made a statement in connexion with the matter.
5. WAR SERVICE HOMES 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. Mackay 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.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the remaining Orders of the Day be postponed until after the consideration of Notice of Motion No. 1, Government Business.
7. MOBILIZATION, &c., STORES AT MIDLAND JUNCTION—APPROVAL OF CARRYING OUT OF WORK.—  
Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to notice, That the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works having furnished its report, it is expedient to carry out the following works :—Mobilization and Vehicle Stores at Midland Junction, Western Australia, with necessary Railway Connexion, Water Supply, &c.  
Question—put and passed.
8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Groom moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fourteen minutes to four 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. Bruce, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Considine, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Fenton, Mr. Fleming, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Gabb, Mr. Hill, Mr. Jowett, Mr. Lamond, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Mahon, Mr. Mahony, Mr. Mathews, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. James Page, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Prowse, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Watt, and Mr. Wienholt.

\* On leave.

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