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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 79.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER, 1920.

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

2. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (1920).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 49.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904-1918,*" to which it has agreed with the amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 23rd September, 1920.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—COAL.—Mr. Hughes, by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the supply and cost of coal.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—NEW GUINEA BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 50.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to make provision for the Acceptance of a Mandate for the Government of certain Territories and Islands in the Pacific Ocean, and to make immediate provision for the Civil Government of the said Territories and Islands, and for other purposes,*" to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 24th September, 1920.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

5. LOAN BILL (1920)—[£4,286,490].—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.)

The Schedule—

Debate resumed on the amendment of Mr. Jackson, That the following Items be omitted from the Schedule :—

| | Amount required in 1920-21. | Already available under Appro- priations made by pre- vious Acts. | Appropriated under this Act. |
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| | First Column. | Second Column. | Third Column. |
| UNDER CONTROL OF DEPARTMENT OF WORKS AND RAILWAYS. | | | |
| | £ | £ | £ |
| * * * * * | | | |
| Federal Capital Territory—Initial Settlement | 90,000 | .. | 90,000 |
| Federal Capital Territory—Preparatory Works.. .. | 60,000 | .. | 60,000 |
| Railways—Completion of Construction Line—Federal Capital Territory.. .. | 250 | 250 | .. |
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Question—That the Items proposed to be omitted stand part of the Schedule—put.

24th September, 1920.

The Committee divided—

| Ayes, 27. | | Noes, 14. | |
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| Mr. Bayley | Mr. Marks | Mr. Bell | Mr. Jackson |
| Mr. Brennan | Mr. Marr | Mr. Bruce | Mr. Mackay |
| Mr. Austin Chapman | Mr. McDonald | Mr. Donald Cameron | Mr. Stewart |
| Mr. Charlton | Mr. Parker Moloney | Mr. Robert Cook | Mr. Wienholt |
| Mr. Considine | Mr. Poynton | Mr. R. W. Foster | |
| Sir Joseph Cook | Sir Granville Ryrie | Mr. Fowler | <i>Tellers :</i> |
| Mr. Corser | Mr. Laird Smith | Mr. Francis | Mr. Jowett |
| Mr. Cunningham | Mr. Tudor | Mr. Hill | Mr. Maxwell |
| Mr. Greene | Mr. Watkins | | |
| Mr. Groom | Mr. West | | |
| Mr. Higgs | | | |
| Mr. Hughes | <i>Tellers :</i> | | |
| Mr. Lamond | Mr. Blundell | | |
| Mr. Lavelle | Mr. Story | | |
| Mr. W. Maloney | | | |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Schedule agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Groom, the House adopted the Report, and, the Standing Orders having been suspended (see p. 338 *ante*), the Bill was read a third time.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at thirteen 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. Bamford, Mr. Blakeley, Mr. Bowden*, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Gabb, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Hay, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Mahon, Mr. Mahony, Mr. Mathews, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Prowse, Mr. Riley, Mr. Ryan, and Mr. Watt.

* On leave.

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