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# THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 1920.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read Prayers.
2. SEA CARRIAGE—EXTENSION OF TIME FOR REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.—Mr. McWilliams moved, by leave, That the time for bringing up the Report of the Select Committee on Sea Carriage be extended to 30th instant.  
Question—put and passed.
3. CUSTOMS BILL (1920).—Mr. Greene, pursuant to leave given on the 19th March last, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Customs Act 1901-1916'*," 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 day of sitting.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
River Murray Waters Act—River Murray Commission—Report for year 1919-20.  
Ordered to be printed.  
Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1920, Nos. 159, 160, 175.  
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at—  
Midland Junction, Western Australia—For Defence purposes.  
Thursday Island, Queensland—For Quarantine purposes.  
War Service Homes Act—Land acquired under, at Weston, New South Wales.
5. SUPPLY [BUDGET DEBATE].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

General debate resumed on the question, That the first item in the Estimates, under Division I.—The Parliament—namely—

The President ... .. £1,100

be agreed to, and on the amendment of Mr. McWilliams, That the first item be reduced by £1.  
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. JOINT COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—SITTINGS DURING MEETINGS OF HOUSE.—Sir Joseph Cook moved, by leave, That the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, so far as Members of the House of Representatives are concerned, have leave to sit during the sittings of the House.  
Question—put and passed.

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7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—KALGOORLIE TO PORT AUGUSTA RAILWAY LANDS BILL (1920).—  
Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 57.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta Railway Lands Act 1918'*," to which it has agreed without amendment.

THOS. GIVENS,  
President.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 14th October, 1920.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 4) 1920-21.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 58.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-one*," to which it has agreed without requests.

THOS. GIVENS,  
President.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 14th October, 1920.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-five minutes to eleven 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. Blakeley, Mr. Bowden\*, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Austin Chapman, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Lamond, Mr. Mahon, Mr. Mathews, Mr. McDonald, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Nicholls, Sir Granville Ryrie, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Watt.

\* On leave.

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