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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 99.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 29TH OCTOBER, 1920.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next, at three o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.
3. SHIPBUILDING CONTRACT OF MESSRS. KIDMAN AND MAYOH—REFERENCE TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.
—Mr. Hughes, by leave, made a statement to the House on the subject of a shipbuilding contract between the Commonwealth Government and Messrs. Kidman and Mayoh, and moved, That the following matter be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report:—The advisability of complying with the request of Messrs. Kidman and Mayoh to be relieved of the obligation to complete the contract entered into by them on the 4th August, 1919, to build two wooden vessels for the Commonwealth, and the conditions upon which such relief, if deemed advisable, should be granted, and that the Committee be authorized to proceed with its investigations whilst the House is sitting.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 34.

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

Noes, 15.

Mr. Brennan	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Considine	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Watkins
Mr. McDonald	
Mr. McGrath	
Mr. McWilliams	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Mahony
Mr. James Page	Mr. Riley

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

4. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1 be postponed until the next sitting.

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5. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORKS—WOOLLEN CLOTH FACTORY, GEELONG—EXTENSION OF.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Groom :—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1914*, the following works be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for their report thereon, viz. :—Extension to buildings and equipment of the Commonwealth Woollen Cloth Factory at Geelong, Victoria—and on the *Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Charlton, viz.:*—That the following words be added to the motion —“or erection of buildings at Canberra, New South Wales”.

Debate resumed.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn, and the following amendment substituted in place thereof :—

Add to the motion the words, “or alternatively the erection of suitable woollen mills at Canberra.”

Debate continued.

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

The House divided—

Ayes, 12.		Noes, 37.	
Mr. Brennan	Mr. James Page	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Bamford	Mr. Jowett
Mr. Mahony	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Bell	Mr. Lamond
Mr. Marr		Mr. Blundell	Mr. Lister
Mr. Mathews	<i>Tellers :</i>	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mackay
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marks
Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Riley	Mr. Chanter	Mr. Maxwell
		Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. McGrath
		Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. McWilliams
		Mr. Corser	Mr. Poynton
		Mr. Fleming	Mr. Rodgers
		Mr. R. W. Foster	Sir Granville Ryrie
		Mr. Francis	Mr. Laird Smith
		Mr. Gabb	Mr. Tudor
		Mr. Greene	Mr. Wienholt
		Mr. Gregory	
		Mr. Groom	<i>Tellers :</i>
		Mr. Higgs	
		Mr. Hill	Mr. Burchell
		Mr. Hughes	Mr. Story

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put and passed.

6. NOTE PRINTING OFFICE, FITZROY—APPROVAL OF CARRYING OUT OF WORK.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Groom :—That in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1914*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work :—Erection of Note Printing Office, Victoria-parade, Fitzroy, which said work was referred to the Public Works Committee, and the Committee has duly reported to this House the result of its inquiries thereon.

Debate continued.

Point of Order—Speaker's Ruling.—Mr. Mahony raised a Point of Order that the debate on the motion having been interrupted on the previous day by the calling on of the Orders of the Day under Standing Order No. 119, the Business should not have appeared upon this day's Notice Paper. Mr. Speaker ruled that, in accordance with the practice followed for many years, the Business interrupted by the calling on of the Orders of the Day was rightly placed upon the next day's Notice Paper.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

7. NATIONALITY BILL.—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.)

Clauses 3 and 4 agreed to.

Clause 5 debated and agreed to.

Clause 6 agreed to.

Clause 7—

Mr. Brennan moved, as an amendment, That the word “five” (line 17) be omitted with a view to the insertion of the word “two” in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 31.		Noes, 14.	
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Lamond	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. James Page
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Lister	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riley
Mr. Bell	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Ryan
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Marks	Mr. Considine	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Blundell	Mr. Marr	Mr. Gabb	
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Mahony	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Mathews	Mr. McGrath
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Rodgers	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Robert Cook	Sir Granville Ryrie		
Mr. Corser	Mr. Laird Smith		
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Wienholt		
Mr. Francis	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Greene			
Mr. Gregory	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Groom			
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Burchell		
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Story		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Brennan moved, as an amendment, That the words in sub-clause (5.), up to and inclusive of the words "apply and" (line 41), be omitted from the clause.

Debate ensued.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at its next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

8. SEA CARRIAGE—SELECT COMMITTEE—REPORT.—Mr. McWilliams, Chairman, brought up the Final Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon Australian Overseas and Inter-State Sea Carriage.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

9. ADJOURNMENT—COUNT OUT.—Mr. Groom moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Gabb called the attention of Mr. Speaker to the fact that a quorum of Members was not present.

The bells having been rung, and a quorum not having been obtained within the prescribed time, Mr. Speaker thereupon, at ten minutes to four o'clock p.m., adjourned the House until Wednesday next, at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bayley, Mr. Bowden*, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Austin Chapman, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Fenton, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hay, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Mahon, Mr. Makin, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Prowse, Mr. Watt, and Mr. West.

* On leave.

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