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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 103.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER, 1920.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PRIVILEGE.—Mr. Hughes read to the House a newspaper report of a portion of a speech alleged to have been made by the honorable Member for Kalgoorlie (Mr. Mahon) at a meeting held at Richmond (Victoria) on Sunday last, and asked Mr. Mahon whether the report of his speech was substantially correct.
Mr. Mahon made a statement to the House with reference to the matter.
3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—PASSPORTS BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

Mr. SPEAKER,

Message No. 68.

The Senate has agreed to the amendments made by the House of Representatives in the Bill for "*An Act relating to Passports.*"

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 5th November, 1920.

4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Butter Agreement Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1920, No. 193.
Deceased Soldiers' Estates Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1920, No. 194.
Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1920, Nos. 187, 188, 189, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 203, 204, 205, 207.
Northern Territory—Ordinance of 1920—No. 8—Public Trustee.
War Precautions Act and Land, Mining, Shares and Shipping Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1920, No. 185.
5. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. J. H. Catts 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 proposal to supersede the present direction of Federal Capital Design and Construction by the appointment of a Committee largely composed of antagonistic and unworkable elements".
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—
Mr. J. H. Catts moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put.
The House divided—

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Nicholls
Mr. Brennan	Mr. James Page
Mr. Considine	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. West
Mr. Gabb	
Mr. Lavelle	
Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Mahon	Mr. J. H. Catts
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Mahony

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Mr. Bayley	Mr. Lister
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Marks
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Prowse
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Robert Cook	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Wienholt
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Wise
Mr. Greene	
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Hay	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Burchell
Mr. Jowett	Mr. Story

And so it was negatived.

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6. COMMONWEALTH BANK 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. Jowett, addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No 257A, was given leave to continue his speech for fifteen minutes.

Mr. Lazzarini moved, as an amendment, That all the words after "now" be omitted with a view to inserting in place thereof the words "withdrawn for the purpose of its recasting and immediate reintroduction with more comprehensive clauses to provide for the nationalization of banking in order—

- (a) to relieve the taxpayer of the heavy burden which will accrue from paying interest on future loans ;
- (b) to provide credits to carry on Commonwealth and State undertakings ;
- (c) to provide cash credits for rural industries in order to release primary producers from the grip of financial institutions ;
- (d) to consolidate the National Debt and put it on a sound footing ;
- (e) to make proper financial provision for the nation to honour its obligations in full to returned soldiers."

Mr. Makin, 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 to-morrow.

7. ELECTORAL (WAR-TIME) REPEAL BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Poynton moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Bill agreed to, and to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Fleming reported accordingly.

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

Mr. Poynton moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stage to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Mr. Poynton, the Bill was read a third time.

8. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered, That the consideration of the remaining Orders of the Day be postponed until after the consideration of the Notice of Motion, Government Business.

9. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORKS—ORDNANCE, &C., BUILDINGS, KELVIN GROVE, BRISBANE.—Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to notice, 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. :—Ordnance and other Defence Buildings at Kelvin Grove, Brisbane, Queensland.

Mr. Groom having laid upon the Table plans, &c., in connexion with the proposed works—

Question—put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at five minutes to ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Bamford, Mr. Bell, Mr. Blundell, Mr. Bowden*, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Corser, Mr. Francis, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Higgs, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Lamond, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Mackay, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Mathews, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Parker Moloney, Mr. Riley, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Watt.

* On leave.

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