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# THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 111.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER, 1920.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—BASIC WAGE—ROYAL COMMISSION'S REPORT, ETC.—Mr. Hughes, by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the Basic Wage, and in conclusion, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table :—  
 Report of the Royal Commission on the Basic Wage; also a Memorandum by Mr. Commissioner Piddington, and a Memorandum by Mr. Commissioner Keep and Mr. Commissioner Gilfillan in connexion with the matter,  
 and moved, That the Papers be printed.  
 Mr. Tudor 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 to-morrow.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
 War Service Homes Act—Land acquired under, at—  
 Neutral Bay, New South Wales.  
 Ryde, New South Wales.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Sir Joseph Cook moved, That Orders of the Day Nos. 1, 2, and 3 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 4, Government Business.  
 Mr. Ryan addressing the House—  
*Closure—*  
 Sir Joseph Cook moved, That the question be now put.  
 Question—That the question be now put—put.  
 The House divided—

Ayes, 36.

Mr. Bamford	Mr. Higgs
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Hughes
Mr. Bell	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Blundell	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marks
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Marr
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Poynton
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Corser	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Wienholt
Mr. Francis	Mr. Wise
Mr. Greene	
Mr. Gregory	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Groom	Mr. Burchell
Mr. Hay	Mr. Story

Noes, 19.

Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Considine	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Gabb	Mr. West
Mr. Lavelle	
Mr. Mahony	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. W. Maloney	
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Fenton
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Riley

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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The question was accordingly put—That Orders of the Day Nos. 1, 2, and 3 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 4, Government Business.

The House divided—

Ayes, 34.		Noes, 19.	
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Higgs	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Bell	Mr. Jackson	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Blundell	Mr. Lamond	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Lister	Mr. Considine	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Livingston	Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Gabb	Mr. West
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Marks	Mr. Lavelle	
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Mahony	
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Prowse	Mr. W. Maloney	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Rodgers	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Corser	Sir Granville Rylie	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Riley
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Laird Smith		
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Wienholt		
Mr. Francis	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Greene			
Mr. Gregory	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Groom	Mr. Burchell		
Mr. Hay	Mr. Story		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

5. **DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY—UNLAWFUL ASSEMBLIES BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Unlawful Assemblies Bill was read, and on the motion of Sir Joseph Cook was, after debate, discharged.
6. **WAR PRECAUTIONS ACT REPEAL BILL.**—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. Tudor moved, as an amendment, That the following words be inserted in the motion after the word "now" :—"withdrawn, redrafted, and immediately reintroduced so as to provide for the absolute and genuine repeal of the War Precautions Act without the inclusion of provisions which amount to the re-enactment and extension of the worst features of that Act".  
Debate continued.  
Mr. Parker Moloney 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 to-morrow.
7. **POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.**—Ordered—That the intervening Business be postponed until after the consideration of Notices of Motion Nos. 1, 5, and 8, Government Business.
8. **KATHERINE RIVER TO MATARANKA RAILWAY BILL.**—Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Construction of a Railway in the Northern Territory from the Katherine River to Mataranka.  
Question—put and passed.  
Mr. Groom 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 to-morrow.
9. **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORKS—ALBION AND NEWMARKET (QUEENSLAND) AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE EXCHANGES.**—Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1914*, the following works proposals be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for its investigation and report thereon, viz. :—Albion—Automatic Telephone Exchange Building and Equipment ; Newmarket—Automatic Telephone Exchange Building and Equipment.  
Mr. Groom having laid upon the Table plans, &c., in connexion with the proposed works—  
Question—put and passed.
10. **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE AS TO LANDS FOR COMMONWEALTH REQUIREMENTS IN BRISBANE—ANZAC MEMORIAL SQUARE, BRISBANE.**—Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to notice, That, having in view existing and probable future building requirements for the Commonwealth Government in Brisbane, the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works be requested to inquire into and report generally upon the lands, if any, which it may be advisable to acquire for that purpose ; more particularly the advisableness, or otherwise, of acquiring certain land in Adelaide-street, Brisbane, and co-operating with the Queensland Government in a scheme for creating an Anzac memorial square.  
Mr. Groom having laid upon the Table a plan in connexion with such lands—  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.

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

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

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Anstey, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Makin, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Earle Page, and Mr. Stewart.

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