

# THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 122.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 21st APRIL, 1921.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS.—Mr. Gregory, Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, brought up the following Report from the Committee—

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed extension of the General Post Office, Perth.

Ordered—That the Paper be printed.

3. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Papua—Annual Report for Year 1919-20.

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

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1921, Nos. 69, 70, 73, 74, 75, 79, 80, 81.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at Darlington, Western Australia—For Postal purposes.

Public Service Act—Promotion of J. R. Halligan, Home and Territories Department.

Treaty of Peace (Germany) Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1921, No. 78.

4. PRINTING COMMITTEE—THIRD REPORT FROM.—Mr. Corser, Chairman, brought up the Third Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate). The Report was read by the Clerk, as follows :—

### REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have met in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the Petition and Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, recommend that the following be printed :—

Contract Immigrants Act.—Return for 1920, respecting Contract Immigrants admitted or refused admission into the Commonwealth, &c.

Immigration Act.—Return for 1920, respecting persons admitted or refused admission into the Commonwealth, &c.

Committee Room,  
21st April, 1921.

E. B. C. CORSER,  
Chairman.

Mr. Corser moved, That the Report be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

5. SUPPLY [“GRIEVANCE DAY”].—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—

Question proposed—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Debate ensued.

Sir Joseph Cook moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.

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21st and 22nd April, 1921.

The House divided—

Ayes, 43.

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| Mr. Atkinson       | Mr. Hughes          |
| Mr. Bamford        | Mr. Jackson         |
| Mr. Bayley         | Mr. Jowett          |
| Mr. Bell           | Mr. Lamond          |
| Sir Robert Best    | Mr. Lister          |
| Mr. Blundell       | Mr. Livingston      |
| Mr. Bowden         | Mr. Mackay          |
| Mr. Donald Cameron | Mr. Marks           |
| Mr. Chanter        | Mr. Marr            |
| Mr. Austin Chapman | Mr. Maxwell         |
| Sir Joseph Cook    | Mr. Earle Page      |
| Mr. Corser         | Mr. Poynton         |
| Mr. Foley          | Mr. Prowse          |
| Mr. R. W. Foster   | Mr. Rodgers         |
| Mr. Fowler         | Sir Granville Ryrie |
| Mr. Francis        | Mr. Stewart         |
| Mr. Gibson         | Mr. Wienholt        |
| Mr. Greene         | Mr. Wise            |
| Mr. Gregory        |                     |
| Mr. Groom          |                     |
| Mr. Hay            |                     |
| Mr. Higgs          | Mr. Burchell        |
| Mr. Hill           | Mr. Story           |

Tellers:

Noes, 22.

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| Mr. Anstey     | Mr. Mathews        |
| Mr. Blakeley   | Mr. McGrath        |
| Mr. Brennan    | Mr. Parker Moloney |
| Mr. Considine  | Mr. Nicholls       |
| Mr. Cunningham | Mr. Riley          |
| Mr. Fenton     | Mr. Ryan           |
| Mr. Gabb       | Mr. Watkins        |
| Mr. Lavelle    | Mr. West           |
| Mr. Lazzarini  |                    |
| Mr. Mahony     |                    |
| Mr. Makin      |                    |
| Mr. W. Maloney |                    |

Tellers:

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| Mr. J. H. Catts |
| Mr. James Page  |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

6. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT *RE* IMPERIAL CONFERENCE—MANDATE FOR GERMAN POSSESSIONS IN THE PACIFIC—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Hughes, That the Paper [*presented on the 7th instant*], viz.:

League of Nations—Mandate for German possessions in the Pacific Ocean situated south of the Equator other than German Samoa and Nauru—

be printed—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Ryan moved, as an amendment, That after the word "printed" the following words be added:—"but, in the opinion of this House, the representative of Australia at the forthcoming Imperial Conference shall not be empowered to commit Australia to any agreement or understanding except on the condition that the same shall be subject to the approval and ratification of the people of Australia".

Debate continued.

The House continuing to sit until after twelve o'clock midnight—

FRIDAY, 22ND APRIL, 1921.

Debate continued.

*Declaration as Urgent Motion—Limitation of Debate.*—Sir Joseph Cook having declared that the motion was an Urgent Motion—

Question—That the motion be considered an Urgent Motion—put and passed.

Sir Joseph Cook then moved, That the time allotted for debating the motion and the amendment be until a quarter to four this afternoon.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Fowler moved, That the debate [on the original question and on the amendment] 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 a later hour this day.

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

And then the House, at twelve minutes to two o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bruce, Mr. Robert Cook, Mr. McDonald, and Mr. Watt.

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