

1920-21.

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 179.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 19TH OCTOBER, 1921.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

FORSTER,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 63.

A Bill intituled "*War Pensions Appropriation Act 1921*", as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,  
Melbourne, 17th October, 1921.

3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Defence Act—Royal Military College—Report for 1920-21.  
Ordered to be printed.  
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determination by the Arbitrator, &c.—No. 6 of 1921—In the matter of the Australian Postal Electricians' Union.
4. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES, 1921-22.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

*(In the Committee.)*

## ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1921-22.

Vote—"The Postmaster-General's Department £823,506"—

Sir Joseph Cook moved, That the further consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., be postponed until after the further consideration of the first Item of the General Estimates.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

## ESTIMATES, 1921-22.

*Budget Debate—*

Accordingly question again proposed (*see page 702 ante*), That the first Item in the Estimates under Division I.—The Parliament—namely—

The President	...	...	£1,100
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be agreed to.

Mr. Charlton moved, as an amendment, That the Item be reduced by £1.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Earle Page, addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257A, the honorable Member was given leave to continue his speech.

Debate continued.

Question—That the Item proposed to be reduced be so reduced—put.

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The Committee divided—

Ayes, 19.		Noes, 39.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. Makin	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Lamond
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Bamford	Mr. Lister
Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Considine	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Bell	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Watkins	Sir Robert Best	Mr. Marks
Mr. Fenton	Mr. West	Mr. Blundell	Mr. Marr
Mr. Gabb		Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Lambert		Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Lavelle		Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Corser	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Mahony	Mr. Riley	Mr. Foley	Mr. Rodgers
	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. R. W. Foster	Sir Granville Ryrie
		Mr. Francis	Mr. Laird Smith
		Mr. Gibson	Mr. Watt
		Mr. Greene	Mr. Wienholt
		Mr. Gregory	Mr. Wise
		Mr. Groom	
		Mr. Hay	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Higgs	
		Mr. Hunter	Mr. Burchell
		Mr. Jowett	Mr. Story

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Earle Page moved, as an amendment, That the Item be reduced by 10s.

Question—proposed.

Sir Joseph Cook moved, That progress be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

Question—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 37.		Noes, 20.	
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Lamond	Mr. Anstey	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Lister	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Livingston	Mr. Brennan	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Bell	Mr. Mackay	Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Blundell	Mr. Marks	Mr. Considine	Mr. Riley
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marr	Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Gabb	Mr. West
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Lambert	
Mr. Corser	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Lavelle	<i>Tellers:</i>
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Mr. Hay			
Mr. Higgs	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Burchell		
Mr. Jowett	Mr. Story		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seven minutes past 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. Bowden, Mr. Bruce, Mr. Hill, Mr. Jackson, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Stewart\*, and Mr. Tudor.

\* On leave.

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