

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 193.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 17TH NOVEMBER, 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. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—WHEAT POOL.—Mr. Hughes, by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with respect to the arrangements made in connexion with the Wheat Pool.
3. GENEVA CONFERENCE LEAGUE OF NATIONS STATEMENT OF COMMONWEALTH REPRESENTATIVE MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Bruce (the honorable Member for Flinders), who was the Senior Representative of the Commonwealth at the Conference made, by leave, a Statement in regard to the deliberations of the League of Nations Conference held at Geneva, and, in conclusion, moved, That the Report of the Second Assembly of the League of Nations held from 5th September to 5th October, 1921, be printed, and that the Appendices lie upon the Table.

Question—proposed.

Mr. Groom, addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that the honorable Member 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.

1. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at Trayning, Western Australia For Postal purposes.
 - War Service Homes Act—Land acquired under, in New South Wales, at Ashfield, Auburn, and Kempsey.
5. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES—ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 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 Department of Defence—Military £1,134,251"—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Earle Page moved, That the Vote be reduced by £400,000.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 24.

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| Mr. Anstey | Mr. Lazzarini |
| Mr. Bayley | Mr. Mahony |
| Mr. Blakeley | Mr. W. Maloney |
| Mr. Brennan | Mr. McGrath |
| Mr. Charlton | Mr. Parker Moloney |
| Mr. Considine | Mr. Earle Page |
| Mr. Robert Cook | Mr. Prowse |
| Mr. Fowler | Mr. West |
| Mr. Gabb | Mr. Wienholt |
| Mr. Gibson | |
| Mr. Hill | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Hunter | Mr. Riley |
| Mr. Lavelle | Mr. Watkins |

Noes, 28.

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| Mr. Atkinson | Mr. Lamond |
| Mr. Bamford | Mr. Mackay |
| Mr. Bell | Mr. Marks |
| Mr. Blundell | Mr. Maxwell |
| Mr. Donald Cameron | Mr. Nicholls |
| Mr. Austin Chapman | Mr. Poynton |
| Mr. Corser | Mr. Rodgers |
| Mr. Foley | Sir Granville Ryrie |
| Mr. R. W. Foster | Mr. Laird Smith |
| Mr. Francis | Mr. Watt |
| Mr. Greene | Mr. Wise |
| Mr. Groom | |
| Mr. Higgs | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Hughes | Mr. Marr |
| Mr. Jackson | Mr. Story |

And so it was negatived.

17th November, 1921.

Sir Granville Ryrie moved, That the Vote be reduced by £200,000.
Debate ensued.
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6 ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question— put and passed.

And then the House, at fourteen minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Burchell, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Fenton, Mr. Hay, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Livingston, Mr. McDonald, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Tudor*.

* On leave.

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