

# THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 9.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 1922.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. **STATEMENT BY LEADER OF OPPOSITION RE ALLEGATIONS BY MR. J. H. CATTS.**—Mr. Charlton, by leave, made a statement in reference to certain allegations by the honorable Member for Cook (Mr. J. H. Catts), and read several statutory declarations by Mr. W. A. Gibbs in connexion therewith.
3. **PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS—SITTINGS, IN ADELAIDE, DURING SITTINGS OF HOUSE.**—Mr. R. W. Foster moved, by leave, That the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, so far as Members of the House of Representatives are concerned, have leave to sit, in Adelaide, during the sittings of the House.  
Question—put and passed.
4. **ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.**—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to by this House:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, beg to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—

Debate resumed by Mr. Brennan, who moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the proposed Address in Reply:—

“but we desire to advise His Excellency that the Agreement mentioned in clause 12 of the Contract made between Amalgamated Wireless Limited and the Commonwealth should, before acceptance by the Commonwealth's Representatives on the Board of Directors, be agreed to by this House.”

Debate continued.

Mr. Earle Page 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 the next sitting.

5. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—

Determinations, and variations of Determinations, by the Arbitrator, &c.—

No. 8 of 1922—Commonwealth Temporary Clerks' Association.

No. 9 of 1922—Line Inspectors' Association.

No. 10 of 1922—Australian Postal Electricians' Union—Application for reclassification of a member.

No. 11 of 1922—Professional Officers' Association—Applications for reclassification of certain members.

No. 12 of 1922—Common Rules made effecting non-reduction of allowances in certain cases, and deductions from recreation leave.

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

And then the House, at ten minutes past three o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bamford, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Robert Cook, Mr. Fenton, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Hay, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jowett, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Livingston, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. West.

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