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# THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 2ND AUGUST, 1922.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. **PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS IN REPLY.**—Mr. Hughes announced to the House that His Excellency the Governor-General was absent on an official visit to Queensland, and that it would meet His Excellency's convenience to receive the Address in Reply after his return to Melbourne next month.
3. **PAPERS.**—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
International Labour Organization of the League of Nations—Third Conference held at Geneva, 25th October to 19th November, 1921—Reports by Australian Delegates.  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.  
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Public Works Committee Act—Seventh General Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.  
Ordered to be printed.  
Customs Act—Proclamation (dated 5th July, 1922) prohibiting the Exportation of certain canned fruits (Peaches, Apricots, Pears, Plums, Cherries, and Pineapples) unless the fruit has first been prepared and graded in accordance with the Customs Regulations.  
Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinance of 1922—No. 9—Stock Diseases.
4. **THE LATE HONORABLE F. G. TUDOR.**—Mr. Speaker read to the House a letter which he had received from Mrs. Tudor, thanking the House for its resolution of sympathy in connexion with the death of her husband, the Honorable F. G. Tudor.
5. **TREATIES (WASHINGTON, 1921–22)—INSULAR POSSESSIONS, &C., IN PACIFIC OCEAN.**—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Hughes—  
That this House approves the Treaty between the United States of America, the British Empire, France, and Japan relating to their insular possessions and insular dominions in the Pacific Ocean, signed at Washington on 13th December, 1921, the Declaration signed on that date accompanying that Treaty, and the Treaty between those Powers supplementary to that Treaty, signed at Washington on the 6th February, 1922—  
Debate resumed.  
Question—put and passed.
6. **TREATY (WASHINGTON, 1922) RE LIMITATION OF NAVAL ARMAMENT.**—Mr. Hughes moved, pursuant to notice, That this House approves the Treaty between the United States of America, the British Empire, France, Italy, and Japan for the Limitation of Naval Armament, signed at Washington on the 6th February, 1922.  
Question—put and passed.
7. **TREATY (WASHINGTON, 1922) RE NEUTRALS, &C., AT SEA, AND AGAINST USE OF GASES, &C.**—  
Mr. Hughes moved, pursuant to notice, That this House approves the Treaty between the United States of America, the British Empire, France, Italy, and Japan for the protection of the lives of neutrals and non-combatants at sea in time of war and to prevent the use in war of noxious gases and chemicals, signed at Washington on the 6th February, 1922.  
Question—put and passed.

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8. **TREATY (WASHINGTON, 1922) RE PRINCIPLES AND POLICIES AS TO CHINA.**—Mr. Hughes moved pursuant to notice, That this House approves the Treaty between the United States of America, Belgium, the British Empire, China, France, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, and Portugal relating to principles and policies to be followed in matters concerning China, signed at Washington on the 6th February, 1922.  
Question—put and passed.
9. **TREATY (WASHINGTON, 1922) RE CHINESE CUSTOMS TARIFF.**—Mr. Hughes moved, pursuant to notice, That this House approves the Treaty between the United States of America, Belgium, the British Empire, China, France, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, and Portugal relating to the Chinese Customs Tariff, signed at Washington on the 6th February, 1922.  
Question—put and passed.
10. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—SUGAR—COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT CONTROL—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.**—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Rodgers—That the Paper [*presented on the 21st ultimo*], viz. :—  
Commonwealth Government Sugar Control—Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1922; profit and loss account for the period from 19th July, 1915, to 30th June, 1922; trading and profit and loss account for the period from 19th July, 1915, to 30th June, 1922—operating and trading accounts—  
be printed—  
Debate resumed by Mr. Charlton, who moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the motion :—“and the retail price of sugar be reduced to 4½d. per lb. from the 7th August, 1922”.  
Mr. Pratten 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.
11. **AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE EXCHANGE, SOUTH BRISBANE—APPROVAL OF WORK.**—Mr. R. W. Foster moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913–1914*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work :—  
Automatic Telephone Exchange at South Brisbane (Queensland),  
which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the Committee has duly reported to this House the result of its investigations.  
Question—put and passed.
12. **OFFICE ACCOMMODATION, COMMONWEALTH DEPARTMENTS, ADELAIDE—APPROVAL OF WORK.**—Mr. R. W. Foster moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913–1914*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work :—  
Adelaide—Provision of office accommodation for various Commonwealth Departments,  
which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the Committee has duly reported to this House the result of its investigations.  
Question—put and passed.
13. **SYDNEY GENERAL POST OFFICE—REMODELLING, &C.—APPROVAL OF WORK.**—Mr. R. W. Foster moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913–1914*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work :—  
Remodelling and Additions, General Post Office, Sydney,  
which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the Committee has duly reported to this House the result of its investigations.  
Mr. Earle Page 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.
14. **AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE EXCHANGES, BRIGHTON, GLENELG, AND PROSPECT—APPROVAL OF WORKS.**—Mr. R. W. Foster moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913–1914*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed works :—  
Provision of Automatic Telephone Exchanges at Brighton, Glenelg, and Prospect, South Australia,  
which were referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the Committee has duly reported to this House the result of its investigations.  
Question—put and passed.
15. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBERS (MR. GREGORY AND MR. JOWETT).**—Mr. Greene moved, by leave, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Dampier (Mr. Gregory), on the ground of ill-health, and to the honorable Member for Grampians (Mr. Jowett), on the ground of urgent public business.  
Question—put and passed.

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16. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Greene moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at two minutes to ten 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. Bamford, Mr. Considine, Mr. Gregory\*, Mr. Groom, Mr. Hay, Mr. Jowett\*, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Nicholls, and Mr. Wienholt.

\* On leave.

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