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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 10.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 2ND AUGUST, 1917.

1. The House met at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. LIBRARY COMMITTEE.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, by leave, That, for the remainder of the Session, the Library Committee have leave to sit during the sitting of the House.  
Question—put and passed.
3. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at Byron Bay, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS' REPATRIATION BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—  
  

<p>MR. SPEAKER,</p> <p>The Senate has passed a Bill for "<i>An Act to make provision for the Repatriation of Australian Soldiers,</i>" and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.</p>	<p><i>Message No. 7.</i></p> <p><b>THOS. GIVENS,</b> President.</p>
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The Senate,  
Melbourne, 1st August, 1917.
5. AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS' REPATRIATION BILL.—Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.  
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That Order of the Day No. 1 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 2.
7. RAILWAYS BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question; That the Bill be now read a second time—  
Debate resumed.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.  
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Clauses 1, 2, and 3 agreed to.  
Clause 4 debated and agreed to.  
Clause 5 debated and agreed to.  
Clause 6 debated and agreed to.  
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.

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8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Watt moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—  
General Abbott<sup>\*a</sup>, Mr. Burchell<sup>\*a</sup>, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Fleming<sup>a</sup>, Mr. McDonald<sup>\*</sup>, Mr. McGrath<sup>\*a</sup>,  
Mr. Orchard, General Ryrie<sup>\*a</sup>, Mr. Salmon<sup>\*</sup>, and Mr. Bruce Smith.

\* On leave.

(a) Joined Australian Imperial Expeditionary Forces.

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