

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 82.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 2ND OCTOBER, 1918.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. THE WAR—SUCCESSSES OF ALLIES AND SURRENDER OF BULGARIA.—Mr. Watt, by leave, made the following announcement, and also addressed the House :—
His Excellency the Governor-General, on behalf of the Commonwealth Government, has to-day despatched the following cablegram to the Secretary of State for the Colonies :—
“The Commonwealth Government sends its congratulations to the British and Allied Governments on the magnificent successes that are crowning the Allied arms in all theatres of operation and particularly on the surrender of Bulgaria which these successes have undoubtedly brought about. The Government hails these victories as indications of the early ultimate success of the Allied efforts in the cause of Liberty and Civilization.”
Mr. Tudor, by leave, also addressed the House.
3. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
River Murray Waters Act—River Murray Commission—Report for year 1917-18, with Appendices.
Ordered to be printed.
4. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Blakeley rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, “The Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, and the recent decision of the High Court in connexion therewith”.
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—
Mr. Blakeley moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 1 and 2 be postponed until after Orders of the Day Nos. 3 and 4, Government Business.
6. HANSARD—OMISSION OF CERTAIN REMARKS DURING THE WAR.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Groom :—That, during the progress of the present war, Mr. Speaker be and is hereby authorized, at his discretion, to direct the omission from *Hansard* of any remarks made in the House of Representatives in the course of debate, or in any other proceedings in the House of Representatives, to which his attention may be directed by the Law Officers of the Crown as being calculated to prejudice His Majesty's relations with a foreign Power, or the successful prosecution of the war, or to imperil the safety of the Commonwealth—
Debate resumed.
Question—put.

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The House divided—

Ayes, 32.		Noes, 14.	
Lieut.-Col. Abbott	Mr. Livingston	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Riley
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Lynch	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Considine	Mr. Watkins
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Fenton	Mr. West
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Orchard	Mr. Higgs	
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Palmer	Mr. Mahony	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Corser	Mr. Pigott	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Charlton
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Page
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Sinclair		
Mr. Greene	Mr. Story		
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Watt		
Mr. Groom	Mr. Webster		
Mr. Jensen	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Jowett			
Mr. Kelly	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Lamond	Mr. Laird Smith		
Mr. Lister	Mr. John Thomson		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

7. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Watt:—That the Paper “Ministerial Statement,” laid on the Table on the 19th September, be printed—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-one 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. Anstey*, Mr. Boyd, Mr. Burchell^a, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Chapman, Sir Joseph Cook, Mr. Fleming^a, Mr. Heitmann^a, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Leckie, Mr. Manifold*, Mr. McDonald, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Nicholls, Brigadier-General Ryrie^a, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Wallace^a, and Mr. Yates^a.

* On leave.

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WALTER A. GALE,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.