

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 90.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 18TH OCTOBER, 1918.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CONTROL OF NAVAL WATERS BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 69.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act relating to Control of Naval Waters,*" and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 18th October, 1918.

Mr. Poynton 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 Wednesday next.

3. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—

Railways Act—By-laws Nos. 6, 7.

4. LOAN BILL (1918) [£1,242,194].—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Watt moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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 to 3 agreed to.

Schedule—

Debate ensued.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, on Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—POST AND TELEGRAPH RATES BILL (No. 2) (1918).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 70.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the Post and Telegraph Rates Act 1902-1913,*" to which it has agreed without amendment.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 18th October, 1918.

6. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—

Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Fund Act—Report by the Auditor-General on the Accounts of the Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Fund, 31st May, 1916, to 6th April, 1918.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Lieut.-Col. Abbott, Mr. Anstey*, Mr. Burchell*(a), Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Chapman, Sir Joseph Cook, Mr. Fleming*(a), Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Heitmann(a), Mr. Hughes, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Manifold*, Mr. McDonald, Mr. McGrath, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Orchard, Mr. Pigott, Mr. Riley, Mr. Rodgers, Brigadier-General Ryrie*(a), Mr. Wallace(a), and Mr. Yates*(a).

* On leave.

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