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# THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 72.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER, 1920.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. **MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.**—The following Message from His Excellency the Deputy of the Governor-General was received, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. H. IRVINE,

*Deputy of the Governor-General.**Message No. 26.*

A Bill intituled the "*Industrial Peace Act 1920*," as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Deputy of the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

13th September, 1920.

3. **MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 3) 1920-21.**—The following Message from His Excellency the Deputy of the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. H. IRVINE,

*Deputy of the Governor-General.**Message No. 27.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Deputy of the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-one.

Melbourne, 8th September, 1920.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be referred to the Committee of Supply.

4. **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—ARBITRATION (PUBLIC SERVICE) BILL (1920).**—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

*Message No. 47.*

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to the settlement of matters arising out of employment in the Public Service*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to Amendments Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 made by the House of Representatives therein; and has agreed to Amendment No. 3 with the amendment indicated in the annexed Schedule.

The Senate desires the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment to Amendment No. 3.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 10th September, 1920.

THOS. GIVENS,  
President.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message in Committee of the whole House be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

14th September, 1920.

5. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—SECOND PEACE LOAN.**—Sir Joseph Cook, by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the successful flotation of the Second Peace Loan.
6. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
 Austro-Hungary—Declaration modifying the Agreement of 10th September, 1919, between the Allied and Associated Powers with regard to the contributions to the cost of liberation of the Territories of the former Austro-Hungarian Monarchy. Signed in Paris, 8th December, 1919. (Paper presented to the British Parliament.)  
 Purchase of Queensland Timber Mills, &c.—Papers relating to the Purchase of Mills and Timber Areas from Laheys Limited and Mr. J. F. Brett, Queensland.  
 Severally ordered to lie on the Table.  
 The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
 Public Service Act—Appointments of L. J. Dickenson, R. S. Skerritt, Department of the Treasury.  
 War Service Homes Act—Easement acquired over land at Cheltenham, Victoria.
7. **POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.**—Ordered, That Orders of the Day Nos. 1 and 2 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 3, Government Business.
8. **NEW GUINEA BILL.**—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Hughes moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
 Mr. Tudor 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.
9. **SUPPLY RESOLUTION [SUPPLY BILL].**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

*(In the Committee.)*

## SUPPLY BILL (No. 3) 1920-21.

*Resolved*, on the motion of Sir Joseph Cook, after debate—That there be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year 1920-21 a sum not exceeding £1,729,915.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

10. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.**—Sir Joseph Cook moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.  
 Question—put and passed.
11. **SUPPLY RESOLUTION.**—The Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read, and, on the motion of Sir Joseph Cook, was adopted by the House.
12. **WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

*(In the Committee.)*

## SUPPLY BILL (No. 3) 1920-21.

*Resolved*, on the motion of Sir Joseph Cook—That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1920-21, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £1,729,915.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee. The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Sir Joseph Cook, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir Joseph Cook and Mr. Poynton do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

13. **SUPPLY BILL (No. 3) 1920-21.**—Sir Joseph Cook then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-one,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.  
 Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.  
 Sir Joseph Cook moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
 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.

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*(In the Committee.)*

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2—

Mr. Lazzarini moved, as an amendment, That the following words be inserted after the word " Act " (line 12) :—

" Provided that no moneys shall be expended therefrom for the purposes of the administration of the War Precautions Act or regulations made thereunder."

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 14.		Noes, 29.	
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Nicholls	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Bamford	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Tudor	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Marr
Mr. Fenton	Mr. West	Mr. Bell	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Lazzarini		Sir Robert Best	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Makin	<i>Tellers :</i>	Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Poynton
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Mahony	Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Prowse
Mr. McGrath	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Corser	Mr. Rodgers
		Mr. Fowler	Sir Granville Ryrie
		Mr. Francis	Mr. Laird Smith
		Mr. Greene	Mr. Wise
		Mr. Gregory	
		Mr. Groom	<i>Tellers :</i>
		Mr. Higgs	
		Mr. Jackson	Mr. Burchell
		Mr. Lister	Mr. Story

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 3 and 4 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir Joseph Cook, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

14. MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Message from His Excellency the Deputy of the Governor-General was received, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

W. H. IRVINE,

*Deputy of the Governor-General.**Message No. 28.*

The following Bills intituled " *Audit Act 1920* " and " *Institute of Science and Industry Act 1920*," as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Deputy of the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Acts.

14th September, 1920.

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

Customs Act—

Proclamation (dated 24th August, 1920) revoking Proclamations (dated 28th October, 1914, and 6th December, 1919) prohibiting the exportation of sheep-skins and woollen fabrics, &c.

Proclamation (dated 24th August, 1920) revoking Proclamation (dated 29th March, 1916) prohibiting the exportation of waste paper.

16. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered, That Order of the Day No. 4 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 5, Government Business.

17. WESTRALIAN FARMERS AGREEMENT 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.

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*(In the Committee.)*

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2 agreed to.

The Schedule—

Mr. Charlton moved, as an amendment, That the word "shareholders" be omitted from sub-paragraph (e) (7.) of paragraph 4, with a view to the insertion of the word "suppliers" in place thereof.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. West moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to sub-paragraph (e) (7.) of paragraph 4 :—

"after the amount of the loan from the Commonwealth Government has been redeemed".

Amendment negatived.

Mr. Tudor moved, as an amendment, That the following paragraph be inserted after paragraph 26 :—

All persons employed in carrying or transporting wheat to the silos or to the ship shall be paid the standard rate of wage as fixed by the Arbitration Court or as agreed between the farmers and the workers.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the paragraph proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 8.

Mr. Charlton	Mr. West
Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Nicholls	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Ryan	Mr. Cunningham
Mr. Tudor	Mr. Makin

Noes, 25.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Marr
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Earle Page
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Corser	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Francis	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Greene	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Wise
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Higgs	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Bell
Mr. Livingston	Mr. Story
Mr. Mackay	

And so it was negatived.

Schedule agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir Joseph Cook, the House adopted the Report.

Sir Joseph Cook moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the remaining stage to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Sir Joseph Cook, the Bill was read a third time.

18. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at five minutes past eleven 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. Blakeley, Mr. Blundell, Mr. Bowden\*, Mr. Austin Chapman, Mr. Considine, Mr. Robert Cook, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Gabb, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hay, Mr. Hill, Mr. Lamond, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Mahon, Mr. Marks, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. James Page, Mr. Riley, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Watt, and Mr. Wienholt.

\* On leave.

WALTER A. GALE,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*