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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 19.

THURSDAY, 20TH FEBRUARY, 1947.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—PRECEDENCE TO WANT OF CONFIDENCE MOTION.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the Notice of Motion (Want of Confidence in the Government) taking precedence of all other Business until disposed of.
Question—put and passed.
3. WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) moved, pursuant to notice, That the Government does not possess the confidence of this House.
Debate ensued.
Ordered—That Mr. Fadden be granted an extension of time.
Debate continued.
Mr. Holt 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 the next sitting.
4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) 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 ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Burke, Mr. Conelan, Mr. Edmonds, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Watkins.

F. C. GREEN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.