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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 50.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 3RD JUNE, 1915.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
 2. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 - Department of Defence—
 - Colonel Lee.—Return, presented to the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in 1905, respecting charges preferred against Major Lee.
 - Ordered to lie on the Table.
 - Department of External Affairs—
 - Papua—
 - Offences by Natives.—Memorandum by the Lieutenant-Governor.
 - Trial by Jury—Papers relating to the question of.
- Severally ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.
- The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
- Department of External Affairs—
 - Norfolk Island Act—
 - Ordinances of 1915—
 - No. 1—Importation of Animals.
 - No. 2—Interpretation.
3. SUPPLY ["GRIEVANCE DAY"].—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—
 - Question proposed—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
 - Mr. Catts moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word "That" be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof :—
 - "(a) The Government be recommended to take action immediately under Commonwealth powers in regard to Statistics, Export, War Precautions, and the Law of Eminent Domain, to ascertain reliable and accurate information as to production, distribution, prices, movement of stocks and the requirements of the people of Australia, of meat, butter, flour, sugar, fodder, and other necessaries of life, and that such information be made available to the House without delay ;
 - (b) That the Government be recommended to formulate and execute means of guaranteeing to the people of Australia supplies of the before-mentioned necessaries of life at reasonable prices by the exercise of Commonwealth public-spirited energy under the powers enumerated, and where possible to co-operate with the States to the above-mentioned end, and that the Government be invited to communicate its policy in this regard to the House at its earliest convenience."

Debate ensued.

Mr. Charlton moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

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Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.
The House divided—

Ayes, 26.		Noes, 23.	
Mr. Bamford	Mr. O'Malley	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Patten
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Ozanne	Mr. Boyd	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Burns	Mr. Page	Mr. Catts	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Salmon
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Riley	Mr. Fleming	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Laird Smith	Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Hampson	Mr. Spence	Mr. Glynn	Mr. Webster
Mr. Jensen	Mr. Thomas	Mr. Gregory	Mr. West
Mr. Lynch	Mr. Tudor	Mr. Groom	
Mr. Mahon	Mr. Wise	Sir William Irvine	
Mr. Mahony		Mr. Manifold	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. W. Maloney	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Greene
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Palmer	Mr. John Thomson
Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Yates		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Tudor moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at thirty-two minutes past ten 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. Abbott, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Burchell, Mr. Carr, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Fisher, Sir John Forrest, Mr. Hannan, Mr. Higgs, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Orchard, Colonel Ryrie*, Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Stumm, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Watt.

* On leave.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.