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 THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH

No. 134.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 15TH FEBRUARY, 1917.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.
2. ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.—The Clerk at the Table having informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, and read Prayers.
3. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO SUPPLY BILL (No. 4) 1916-17.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and the same was read by Mr. Deputy-Speaker:—

R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 188.

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

Government House,
Melbourne, 14th February, 1917.

4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Iron Bounty Act—Return of particulars required under Section 14, 1914-1917.
War Precautions Act—Regulations Amended—
Statutory Rules 1916, No. 328.
Statutory Rules 1917, No. 12.
5. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Thursday next.
Question—put and passed.
6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Boyd called the attention of Mr. Deputy-Speaker to the fact that a quorum of Members was not present.
The Bells having been rung, and a quorum not having been obtained within the prescribed time, Mr. Deputy-Speaker thereupon, at eleven minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned the House until Thursday next, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—General Abbott*, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Catts*, Mr. McDonald, Mr. McGrath*, Mr. Ozanne*, General Ryrrie*, Mr. Thomas, Mr. West*, and Mr. Yates.

* On leave.

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

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