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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 135.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 22ND 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. PRIVILEGE.—SUSPENSION OF MEMBER.—Mr. Deputy-Speaker reported to the House the circumstances in which the honorable Member for Melbourne (Mr. W. Maloney) had been named by him for disorderly conduct on the occasion of the counting out of the House on Thursday last. Mr. Hughes, Mr. W. Maloney, and Mr. Deputy-Speaker having addressed the House, and Mr. W. Maloney having refused to apologize—  
Mr. Hughes moved, That the honorable Member for Melbourne be suspended from the service of the House for the remainder of the day's sitting.  
Question put—  
The House divided—

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Archibald	Mr. Lynch
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Manifold
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Orchard
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Corser	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Dankel	Mr. Salmon
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Sampson
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Spence
Mr. Greene	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Gregory	Mr. John Thomson
Mr. Groom	Mr. Watt
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Webster
Sir William Irvine	Mr. Wise
Mr. Jensen	
Mr. W. Elliot Johnson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Kelly	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Livingston	Mr. Patten

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Mr. Anstey	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Burns	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Catts	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Charlton	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Page
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Hannan	
Mr. Higgs	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Mahon	Mr. Hampson
Mr. Mahony	Mr. Riley

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. W. Maloney beginning to further address the House, Mr. Deputy-Speaker directed the Serjeant-at-Arms to remove the honorable Member from the Chamber.

Thereupon Mr. W. Maloney, accompanied by the Serjeant-at-Arms, withdrew from the Chamber.

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4. FORMATION OF NEW MINISTRY.—Mr. Hughes informed the House that His Excellency the Governor-General, having accepted the resignation of the late Government, had commissioned him to form a new Administration, and that he had formed it as follows:—

The Right Honorable WILLIAM MORRIS HUGHES, P.C., to be Prime Minister and Attorney-General;

The Right Honorable JOSEPH COOK, P.C., to be Minister of State for the Navy;

The Right Honorable SIR JOHN FORREST, P.C., G.C.M.G., to be Treasurer;

Senator the Honorable GEORGE FOSTER PEARCE, to be Minister of State for Defence;

Senator the Honorable EDWARD DAVIS MILLEN, to be Vice-President of the Federal Executive Council;

The Honorable WILLIAM ALEXANDER WATT, to be Minister of State for Works and Railways;

The Honorable PATRICK McMAHON GLYNN, to be Minister of State for Home and Territories;

The Honorable JENS AUGUST JENSEN, to be Minister of State for Trade and Customs;

The Honorable WILLIAM WEBSTER, to be Postmaster-General;

The Honorable LITTLETON ERNEST GROOM,

Senator the Honorable EDWARD JOHN RUSSELL, } to be Honorary Ministers.

5. PAPER [MINISTERIAL STATEMENT].—Mr. Hughes presented—

Statement by the Prime Minister of the Government policy—

and moved, That the Paper be printed.

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.

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

Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1917, No. 25.

Naval Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1917, No. 30.

Papua—Ordinance of 1916—No. 16—Customs.

Public Service Act—Promotion of R. B. Avery, Postmaster-General's Department.

War Precautions Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1917, Nos. 23, 24.

7. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (MR. BRENNAN).—Mr. Tudor moved, by leave, That leave of absence for two months, on the ground of ill-health, be given to the honorable Member for Batman (Mr. Brennan).

Question—put and passed.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-five minutes to six o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—General Abbott\*, Mr. Brennan\*, Mr. Burchell, Mr. Carr, Mr. Chapman, Mr. McDonald, Mr. McGrath\*, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Ozanne\*, General Ryrie\*, Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Stumm, Mr. Watkins, Mr. West\*, and Mr. Yates.

\* On leave.

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