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**THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.**


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**No. 141.**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**  
OF THE  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**

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WEDNESDAY, 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 1917.

1. The House met, at three 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. **PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS.**—Mr. Riley, Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, brought up the following Report from the Committee—  

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relative to the proposed Extension of the Postal Stores Building, Harbour-street, Sydney.

Ordered to be printed.
4. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  

Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1917, No. 47.  
 Customs Act—  
     Regulations—Statutory Rules 1917, No. 40.  
     Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1917, No. 46.  
 Defence Act—Regulations—Financial and Allowance—Statutory Rules 1917, No. 31.  
 War Precautions Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1917, Nos. 17, 19.
5. **SUPPLY [SUPPLY BILL].**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 5) 1916-17.

Debate resumed on the following motion of Sir John Forrest :—That a sum not exceeding Three million seven hundred and ninety-eight thousand six hundred and fifty-two pounds be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year ending 30th June, 1917.  
 Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. John Thomson reported accordingly.  
 Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
 Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fifteen minutes to 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—General Abbott\*, Mr. Brennan\*, Mr. Carr, Mr. Catts, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Hughes, Mr. McDonald, Mr. McGrath\*, Mr. Ozanne\*, General Ryrie\*, Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Spence, Mr. West\*, and Mr. Yates.

\* On leave.

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