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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 41.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 17TH JANUARY, 1918.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Tudor:—That the House protests against—

- (a) the repudiation of the pledges of the Prime Minister and other Ministers ;
- (b) the political persecution of public men and other citizens and the press under the War Precautions Regulations during the recent Referendum campaign ;
- (c) the deprivation of statutory electoral rights of Australian-born citizens by regulation behind the back of Parliament ;
- (d) the general administration of public affairs,

and wishes to inform His Excellency the Governor-General that the Government does not possess the confidence of the people of Australia—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Brennan, addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257A, was given leave to continue his speech for five minutes.

Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit till after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Mr. Mahony 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.

3. JOINT COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.—Mr. John Thomson, Chairman of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, brought up the following Report from the Committee—

Papuan Oil Fields.

Ordered to be printed.

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

Public Service Act—Promotions of—

H. W. Bennett, Department of Trade and Customs.

G. P. Embelton and W. Howie, Department of Defence.

War Precautions Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1917, Nos. 317, 325.

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

And then the House, at twelve minutes to three o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at eleven o'clock a.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Lieut.-Col. Abbott<sup>a</sup>, Sir Robert Best, Mr. Burchell<sup>a</sup>, Mr. Falkiner, Mr. Fleming<sup>a</sup>, Mr. McGrath<sup>a</sup>, Brigadier-General Ryrie<sup>a</sup>, and Mr. Yates<sup>a</sup>.

\* On leave.

(a) Joined Australian Imperial Expeditionary Forces.

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WALTER A. GALE,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*