

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 52.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 26TH APRIL, 1918.

1. The House met at two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Death and Invalidity in the Commonwealth—Committee concerning Causes of—Final Report.
Ordered, after debate, to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
3. ACTS INTERPRETATION BILL (1918).—Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901-1916*.
Question—put and passed.

4. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING OF PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Joseph Cook, That the Paper "Ministerial Statement—Changes in Ministry, and Ministerial Programme," laid on the Table on the 10th April instant, be printed—and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Tudor, viz.:—That the following words be added to the motion:—

"but, in the opinion of this House, the Prime Minister (Mr. Hughes) and the Minister for the Navy (Mr. Cook) cannot represent Australian public opinion in London, for the following reasons, viz.:—(a) The speeches of the Prime Minister at and in relation to the Paris Conference; (b) The war policy of Ministers, which has been emphatically repudiated by two referendums of the Australian people; (c) The conduct of public affairs in Australia"—

Debate resumed.

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Nicholls
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riley
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Considine	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Higgs	Mr. West
Mr. Mahony	
Mr. W. Maloney	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Mathews	Mr. J. H. Catts
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Fenton

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Mr. Archibald	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Lynch
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Mackay
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Orchard
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Corser	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Falkiner	Mr. Rodgers
Lord Forrest	Mr. Sampson
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Greene	Mr. Spence
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Watt
Mr. Groom	Mr. Webster
Mr. Jensen	Mr. Wise
Mr. Jowett	
Mr. Kelly	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Leckie	Mr. Story
Mr. Lister	Mr. John Thomson

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the Paper be printed—put and passed.

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5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Watt moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fifteen minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—
Lieut.-Col. Abbott^{*a}, Mr. Anstey*, Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Burchell^{*a}, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Joseph Cook,
Mr. Fleming^{*a}, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Lamond, Mr. Manifold*, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. McGrath^a,
Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Page, Brigadier-General Ryrie^{*a}, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Yates^{*a}.

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