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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 57.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 9TH MAY, 1918.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read Prayers.
2. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Nicholls rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The condition of affairs existing in the Small Arms Factory, Lithgow, and the general condition of the members of the Small Arms Factory and munition workers of Australia".  
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—  
Mr. Nicholls moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and negatived.
3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—KALGOORLIE TO PORT AUGUSTA RAILWAY LANDS BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—  

MR. SPEAKER,

*Message No. 43.*

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to Lands required for the purposes of the Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta Railway,*" to which it has agreed without amendment.

THOS. GIVENS,  
President.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 9th May, 1918.
4. SUPPLY ["GRIEVANCE DAY"].—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—  
Question proposed—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and negatived.  
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.
5. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (MR. PAGE).—Mr. Tudor moved, by leave, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Maranoa (Mr. Page), on the ground of ill-health.  
Question—put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at five minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—  
Lieut.-Col. Abbott<sup>a</sup>, Mr. Anstey\*, Mr. Blakeley, Mr. Burchell<sup>a</sup>, Mr. Joseph Cook, Mr. Falkiner, Mr. Fenton, Mr. Fleming<sup>a</sup>, Lord Forrest, Mr. Heitmann\*, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jensen, Mr. Leckie, Mr. Lister, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Manifold\*, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Orchard, Mr. Page\*, Mr. Riley, Brigadier-General Ryrie<sup>a</sup>, Mr. Sampson, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Spence, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Yates<sup>a</sup>.

\* On leave.

(a) Joined Australian Imperial Force.

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