

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 81.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER, 1918.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. **POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.**—Ordered—That the intervening Business be postponed until after the consideration of Notice of Motion No. 7, Government Business.
3. **HANSARD—OMISSION OF CERTAIN REMARKS DURING THE WAR.**—Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to notice, That, during the progress of the present war, Mr. Speaker be and is hereby authorized, at his discretion, to direct the omission from *Hansard* of any remarks made in the House of Representatives in the course of debate, or in any other proceedings in the House of Representatives, to which his attention may be directed by the Law Officers of the Crown as being calculated to prejudice His Majesty's relations with a foreign Power, or the successful prosecution of the war, or to imperil the safety of the Commonwealth.
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. R. W. Foster 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 a later hour this day.
4. **CENSORSHIP BY MEMBERS OF THEIR SPEECHES ON RECENT URGENCY ADJOURNMENT MOTION.**—Mr. Watt, by leave, moved, That the House accords permission to Members who spoke on the Motion for the Adjournment of the House yesterday to censor the *Hansard* Reports of their own speeches.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.
5. **HANSARD—OMISSION OF CERTAIN REMARKS DURING THE WAR.**—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate upon the following Motion of Mr. Groom:—That, during the progress of the present war, Mr. Speaker be and is hereby authorized, at his discretion, to direct the omission from *Hansard* of any remarks made in the House of Representatives in the course of debate, or in any other proceedings in the House of Representatives, to which his attention may be directed by the Law Officers of the Crown as being calculated to prejudice His Majesty's relations with a foreign Power, or the successful prosecution of the war, or to imperil the safety of the Commonwealth—
 Debate resumed.
 Mr. W. Maloney 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 Wednesday next.
6. **PAPERS.**—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 The War—Report of the Departmental Committee appointed by the Board of Trade to consider the position of the Iron and Steel Trades after the War. (Paper presented to the British Parliament.)
 Ordered to lie on the Table.
 The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at Seymour, Victoria—For Defence purposes.

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7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Groom moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eight 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—
Mr. Anstey*, Mr. Bayley, Mr. Burchell*^a, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Chapman, Sir Joseph Cook, Mr. Fenton, Mr. Fleming*^a, Mr. Heitmann^a, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jensen, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Manifold*, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Pigott, Brigadier-General Ryrie*^a, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Spence, Mr. Wallace^a, and Mr. Yates*^a.

* On leave.

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WALTER A. GALE,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.