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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 17TH JULY, 1919.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Public Service Act—Promotions of—  
H. I. Kelly, Prime Minister's Department.  
J. C. Lewis, A. C. Smith, A. S. Laws, A. S. Mills, E. Rye, I. R. Alexander, J. F. Hannan,  
Prime Minister's Department.
3. LIBRARY COMMITTEE.—Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to notice, That Mr. Fowler be appointed a member of the Library Committee.  
Question—put and passed.
4. COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—  
Debate resumed.  
Mr. Fowler 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.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY BILL (1919).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—  
MR. SPEAKER, *Message No. 98.*  
The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to amend Section Two of the 'Wireless Telegraphy Act 1905-1915'*," and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.  
THOS. GIVENS,  
President.  
The Senate,  
Melbourne, 17th July, 1919.  
Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.  
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
6. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Groom moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next.  
Question—put and passed.
7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Groom moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-six 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. Bruce, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Chapman, Sir Joseph Cook, Mr. Corboy, Mr. Fenton, Mr. Heitmann<sup>(a)</sup>, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jensen, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Mahony, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Nicholls\*, Mr. Orchard, Major-General Ryrie<sup>(a)</sup>, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Watt, and Mr. Webster.

\* On leave.

(a) Absent with Australian Imperial Force.

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

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