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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH JULY, 1920.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. SEA CARRIAGE—EXTENSION OF TIME FOR REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Hughes, by leave, moved, That the time for bringing up the Report of the Select Committee on Sea Carriage be extended to 15th October next.
Question—put and passed.
3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBERS (MR. ANSTEY, MR. JAMES PAGE, AND MR. WATT).—Mr. Hughes moved, by leave, That leave of absence for two months be given to the Right Honorable Member for Balaclava (Mr. Watt), on the ground of public business, and to the honorable Member for Bourke (Mr. Anstey) and the honorable Member for Maranoa (Mr. James Page), on the ground of ill-health.
Question—put and passed.
4. DISTURBANCE IN THE GALLERIES.—A disturbance having occurred in the Galleries, Mr. Speaker ordered the withdrawal of strangers from certain parts of the Chamber, and left the Chair until a quarter-past three o'clock p.m. when he resumed the Chair.
5. WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT.—Mr. Tudor moved, pursuant to notice, That the Government is deserving of censure for its general incapacity, and more particularly—
 - (a) for its failure to prevent an inordinate rise in the cost of living;
 - (b) for its failure to keep its pledges with returned soldiers and their dependants;
 - (c) for its failure to take steps to deal with the causes of industrial unrest;
 - (d) for its failure to secure an adequate return to the Australian people for their wool and other primary products sold overseas;
 - (e) for its failure to make definite binding contracts for the sale of such products which would have prevented any possibility of profiteering overseas in Australian products at the expense of Australian producers, and would have made it possible to secure a prompt adjustment of accounts in connexion with such sales.
 Debate ensued.
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 to-morrow, and to take precedence of all other business.
6. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Public Works Committee Act—Fifth General Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.
Ordered to be printed.
 - Income Tax Assessment Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1920, No. 107.
 - Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at Seymour, Victoria—For Defence purposes.

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7. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Sir Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at thirteen minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Anstey*, Mr. Blundell, Mr. Austin Chapman, Mr. Considine, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Lamond, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Makin, Mr. Maxwell*, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. James Page*, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Story, and Mr. Watt*.

* On leave.

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