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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 59.

THURSDAY, 5TH JULY, 1945.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. DEATH OF THE PRIME MINISTER (THE RIGHT HONORABLE JOHN CURTIN).—Mr. Forde (Acting Prime Minister) announced, with profound regret, the death, earlier this day, of the Prime Minister (The Right Honorable John Curtin), and moved, That this House expresses its deep regret at the death of the Right Honorable John Curtin, Member of the House of Representatives for the Division of Fremantle, and for more than three years Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Australia; places on record its appreciation of his distinguished public service; and tenders to his wife, his son and daughter, and all relatives, its profound sympathy in their sad bereavement.
And Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and other honorable Members having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
Question—passed.
3. ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Forde (Acting Prime Minister) informed the House that he proposed to wait upon His Royal Highness the Governor-General to-morrow to tender certain advice with regard to the administration of the Government of the Commonwealth until a new Ministry is appointed.
4. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Forde (Acting Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday, the 18th July, at three o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.
5. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS.—Mr. Forde (Acting Prime Minister) moved, That leave of absence be given to every Member of the House of Representatives from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next sitting.
Question—put and passed.
6. ADJOURNMENT AS MARK OF RESPECT.—Mr. Forde (Acting Prime Minister) then moved, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Prime Minister, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty minutes past three o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, the 18th July, at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Blain*, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Langtry, Mr. Lemmon, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Russell, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Scully, Mr. Spender, and Mr. Watkins.

* On leave.

F. C. GREEN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.