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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH APRIL, 1908.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. Deakin presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 - Infantile Mortality—International Congress of the Society for the Protection of Child Life, (Brussels, September, 1907)—Report and notes, &c., by J. W. Dunbar Hooper, M.D., Melbourne.
 - Sir William Lyne presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 - Financial Relations of the Commonwealth and the States—Scheme for Adjusting—By the Honorable King O'Malley, M.P.
 - Severally ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.
 - Mr. Hume Cook presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
 - Census and Statistics Act—Statistics of the Commonwealth—
 - Finance—Bulletin No. 1.—Summary of Australian Financial Statistics, 1901 to 1907.
 - Trade, Shipping, Oversea Migration, and Finance.—Bulletin No. 13.—January, 1908.
 - Mr. Ewing presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—
 - Defence Acts—Military Forces—
 - Regulations Amended (Provisional)—Nos. 6A, 10, 57, &c.—Statutory Rules 1908, No. 41.
 - Financial and Allowance Regulations Amended (Provisional)—Nos. 12A, 15A, 92, &c.—Statutory Rules 1908, No. 42.
 - The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
 - Defence Forces.—Officers' Quarters—Return to an Order of the House, dated 24th March, 1908.
3. SUPPLY.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and on the amendment moved thereto by Mr. Webster, viz. :—That all the words after the word "That" be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof, "a Royal Commission be appointed to inquire into and report upon the Postal, Telegraph, and Telephone systems of the Commonwealth, and the working thereof"—
 - Mr. Deakin moved, That the consideration of the Order of the Day be postponed until the Bills referred to in Orders of the Day Nos. 4 and 5 [Customs Tariff Bill and Excise Tariff Bill] have become law.
 - Debate ensued.
 - Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 - Ordered—That the House will, on the next day of sitting, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.

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4. ADJOURNMENT FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next, at three o'clock p.m.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at eighteen 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. Edwards, Mr. Fowler, Colonel Foxton, Mr. Hans Irvine, Mr. Kingston, and Mr. Storrer.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.