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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 19.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 20TH OCTOBER, 1908.

- 1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2. Petition.—Mr. Fisher presented a Petition from Harry Hall, styling himself Secretary of the Australian Sugar Workers' Union, Bundaberg Branch, praying that the duration of the working day be eight hours throughout the sugar industry, that a minimum wage be fixed in both mill and field, and that a Royal Commission be appointed to inquire into the whole industry. Petition received and read.
- PAPER.—Mr. Hume Cook presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Public Service Act—Regulations Nos. 96, 100, 103, 104, 172, and 182 repealed, and new Regulations Nos. 104, 172, 182—Statutory Rules 1908, No. 108.
- 4. Point of Order.—Mr. Crouch raised a point of Order that the precedence given on the Notice Paper to the notice of motion by Mr. Reid was not warranted.

Speaker's Ruling.—Mr. Speaker ruled that the position occupied by the notice in question was according to precedent, and in order.

5. Want of Confidence in the Government Financial Proposals—Motion of.—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to notice, That the financial proposals of the Government are unsatisfactory to this House.

Debate ensued.

Sir John Forrest moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

- 6. Adjournment.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn. Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
- And then the House at sixteen minutes past ten 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. Chapman, Mr. Foster, and Mr. Livingston.

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