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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.
 

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THURSDAY, 8TH MARCH, 1917.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.
2. **ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.**—The Clerk at the Table having informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, and read Prayers.
3. **PAPERS.**—The following Paper was presented by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:—  
Wool Appraisement, and Wool Selling Centres—Memorandum &c., *re.*  
Ordered, after debate, to lie on the Table, and to be printed.  
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
War Precautions Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1917, Nos. 41, 42, 50, 52, 53.
4. **ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.**—Mr. Corser rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The unsatisfactory condition obtaining in the Sugar Industry in Queensland caused by, among other things, the operation of Acting Judge Dickson's Award, which has resulted in a large quantity of cane remaining unharvested, and the almost entire cessation of planting and field operations in some districts, and which threatens to involve the Commonwealth and the Treasury in serious loss if permitted to continue".  
Mr. Deputy-Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—  
Mr. Corser moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and negatived.
5. **SUPPLY [SUPPLY BILL].**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

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*(In the Committee.)*

SUPPLY BILL (No. 5) 1916-17.

Debate resumed on the following motion of Sir John Forrest:—That a sum not exceeding Three million seven hundred and ninety-eight thousand six hundred and fifty-two pounds be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year ending 30th June, 1917. Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

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The House resumed; Mr. Charlton reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and passed.

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

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—General Abbott\*, Mr. Brennan\*, Mr. Burchell, Mr. Carr, Mr. Catts, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Glynn, Mr. McDonald, Mr. McGrath\*, Mr. Ozanne\*, Mr. Patten, General Ryrie\*, Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Spence, Mr. Watt, Mr. West\*, and Mr. Yates.

\* On leave.

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