

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 38.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 11TH JANUARY, 1918.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT.—Mr. Tudor moved, pursuant to notice, That the House protests against—
 - (a) the repudiation of the pledges of the Prime Minister and other Ministers ;
 - (b) the political persecution of public men and other citizens and the press under the War Precautions Regulations during the recent Referendum campaign ;
 - (c) the deprivation of statutory electoral rights of Australian-born citizens by regulation behind the back of Parliament ;
 - (d) the general administration of public affairs,

and wishes to inform His Excellency the Governor-General that the Government does not possess the confidence of the people of Australia.

Debate ensued.

Member named.—Mr. Mathews having been named by Mr. Speaker for disregarding the authority of the Chair—

Mr. Hughes moved, That the honorable Member for Melbourne Ports (Mr. Mathews) be suspended from the service of the House.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 42.

Mr. Archibald	Mr. Lynch
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Chanter	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Chapman	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Joseph Cook	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Corser	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Falkiner	Mr. Rodgers
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Sampson
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Bruce Smith
Mr. Groom	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Heitmann	Mr. Spence
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Story
Sir William Irvine	Mr. Watt
Mr. Jensen	Mr. Webster
Mr. Jowett	Mr. Wise
Mr. Lamond	
Mr. Leckie	
Mr. Lister	
Mr. Livingston	

Tellers :

Mr. Greene
Mr. John Thomson

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Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Nicholls
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Page
Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. Riley
Mr. Considine	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. West
Mr. Higgs	
Mr. Mahony	
Mr. W. Maloney	
Mr. McDonald	

Tellers :

Mr. Charlton
Mr. Watkins

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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The honorable Member, who had already withdrawn from the Chamber, was, therefore, under Standing Order No. 59, suspended for the remainder of the day's sitting.

Debate continued.

Mr. J. H. Catts addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

3. ADDITIONAL DAY OF SITTING.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next, at three o'clock p.m.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 4) 1917-18.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 40.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and eighteen,*" to which it has agreed without requests.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 11th January, 1918.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

5. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Taxation—Report of the Resolution and Proceedings of the Conference of Commonwealth and States Taxation Officers held at Melbourne, March, 1917.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Naturalization Act—Return of Number of Persons to whom Certificates of Naturalization were granted under the Act during 1917.

Papua—Ordinance of 1917—No. 9.—Supplementary Appropriation 1916-17 (No. 4).

6. ADJOURNMENT.—COUNT OUT.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Considine called the attention of Mr. Speaker to the fact that a quorum of Members was not present.

The bells having been rung, and a quorum not having been obtained within the prescribed time, Mr. Speaker thereupon, at ten minutes to five o'clock p.m., adjourned the House until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—
Lieut.-Colonel Abbott^a, Mr. Anstey, Sir Robert Best, Mr. Burchell^a, Mr. Fleming^a, Mr. Kelly, Mr. McGrath^a, Mr. Orchard, Brigadier-General Ryrie^a, and Mr. Yates^a.

* On leave.

(a) Joined Australian Imperial Expeditionary Forces.

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