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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 40.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH JANUARY, 1918.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until eleven o'clock a.m. to-morrow.
Question—put and passed.
3. WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Tudor:—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 resumed.
Mr. McWilliams moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
4. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Dominions Royal Commission (Imperial)—Natural Resources, Trade, and Legislation of certain portions of His Majesty's Dominions—Minutes of Evidence taken in the Central and Western Provinces of Canada in 1916, Part II. (Paper presented to the British Parliament.)
Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
High Court Procedure Act and Judiciary Act—Rules of Court—Admiralty Rules—Statutory Rules 1917, No. 322.
Trade Marks Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1917, No. 291.
Unlawful Associations Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1917, No. 264.
War Precautions Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1917, Nos. 253, 254, 265, 271, 281, 282, 283, 302.

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

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

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

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