

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 50.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH APRIL, 1918.

1. The House met at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITION.—Mr. Palmer presented a Petition from 83,509 adult residents of the Commonwealth praying that Sinn Fein be declared to be an unlawful association, and that the members thereof, including Archbishop Mannix and his disloyal followers, be summarily dealt with.
Petition received and read.
3. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
The War—National Relief Fund—Report on the Administration of, up to 30th September, 1917
—(Paper presented to the British Parliament.)
Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

- Audit Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1918, No. 83.
- Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1918, Nos. 92, 93.
- Entertainments Tax Assessment Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1918, Nos. 84, 96.
- Income Tax Assessment Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1918, No. 95.
- Northern Territory—Ordinances of 1918—
No. 4.—Darwin Pound.
No. 5.—Plant Diseases.
No. 6.—Liquor.
No. 7.—Oyster Culture Leases.
- War Precautions Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1918, No. 91.
- War Time Profits Tax Assessment Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1918, No. 82.

4. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING OF PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Joseph Cook, That the Paper "Ministerial Statement—Changes in Ministry, and Ministerial Programme," laid on the Table on the 10th April instant, be printed—
Debate resumed.

Mr. Tudor moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the motion:—

"but, in the opinion of this House, the Prime Minister (Mr. Hughes) and the Minister for the Navy (Mr. Cook) cannot represent Australian public opinion in London, for the following reasons, viz.: (a) The speeches of the Prime Minister at and in relation to the Paris Conference; (b) The war policy of Ministers, which has been emphatically repudiated by two referendums of the Australian people; (c) The conduct of public affairs in Australia."

Debate continued.

Mr. Wallace 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.

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5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Jensen moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-nine 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—Lieut.-Col. Abbott^a, Mr. Anstey*, Mr. Burchell^a, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Fleming^a, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Manifold*, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Page, Brigadier-General Ryrie^a, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Yates^a.

* On leave.

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WALTER A. GALE,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.