

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 76.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH SEPTEMBER, 1918.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., according to the terms of the Resolution of the 15th June last.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. DEATH OF THE RIGHT HONORABLE LORD FORREST.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that, during the adjournment, he had, with deep regret, received a cablegram from His Excellency the Governor of Sierra Leone, which, decoded, read as follows:—

Sierra Leone,  
13th September, 1918.

Speaker, Melbourne.

Regret to inform you that Lord Forrest died at sea 2nd September, and was buried with military honours here on 3rd September.

Mr. Speaker further stated that, on being informed of the death of Lord Forrest, he had at once, on behalf of honorable Members, forwarded to Lady Forrest by cablegram a message of condolence with her in the loss which she had sustained.

Mr. Watt then moved, by leave—

That this House places on record its profound regret at the loss the Commonwealth has sustained in the death of the late Member for the Division of Swan, the Right Honorable Lord Forrest, P.C., G.C.M.G., LL.D., F.R.G.S., F.G.S., F.L.S., whose great public services, as Premier of the State of Western Australia from its constitution as a self-governing colony, as a member of the Federal Convention, as a Member of this House since the inauguration of Federation, as a Minister of State for the Commonwealth, and as Acting Prime Minister, are sincerely appreciated by the people of Australia. This House tenders its deepest sympathy to the sorrowing widow and relatives of a distinguished explorer and statesman whose devotion to duty was combined with a kindness and courtesy which endeared him to all with whom he was associated.

And Mr. Higgs having seconded the motion, and other honorable Members having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—

Question—passed.

Resolved—That Mr. Speaker be requested to transmit to Lady Forrest the foregoing Resolution, and a copy of the speeches delivered thereon.

3. DEATH OF THE RIGHT HONORABLE SIR GEORGE REID.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that, on learning of the death in London, on the 12th instant, of the Right Honorable Sir George Houstoun Reid, a former Prime Minister of the Commonwealth, he had immediately, on behalf of honorable Members, despatched to Lady Reid, by cablegram, an expression of their sympathy with her in her bereavement.

Mr. Watt then moved, by leave—

That this House places on record its high appreciation of the eminent public services rendered by the late Right Honorable Sir George Houstoun Reid, P.C., G.C.B., G.C.M.G., D.C.L., K.C., as Premier of the State of New South Wales, as a member of the Federal Convention, as Prime Minister of the Commonwealth, and as the first High Commissioner in London.

This House tenders to Lady Reid and the members of his family its deepest sympathy in their bereavement, and assures them of the regret felt throughout Australia at the death of one who was for many years a leader in the political life of this country, was held in the highest esteem by its citizens, and with marked ability represented the Commonwealth at the centre of the Empire.

And Mr. Higgs having seconded the motion, and all Members present having risen, in silence—

Question—passed.

Resolved—That Mr. Speaker be requested to transmit to Lady Reid the foregoing Resolution, and a copy of the speeches delivered thereon.

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4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Watt then moved, That, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late right honorable gentlemen, the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at thirty-eight minutes past three o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Anstey\*, Mr. Atkinson, Sir Robert Best, Mr. Burchell\*\*<sup>a</sup>, Sir Joseph Cook, Mr. Fleming\*\*<sup>a</sup>, Mr. Heitmann<sup>a</sup>, Mr. Hughes, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Manifold\*, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Palmer, Brigadier-General Ryrie\*\*<sup>a</sup>, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Spence, Mr. Tudor, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Yates\*\*<sup>a</sup>.

\* On leave.

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WALTER A. GALE,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*