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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 127.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 4TH JULY, 1919.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (MR. NICHOLLS).—Mr. Higgs moved, pursuant to notice, That leave of absence for a period of two months be granted to the honorable Member for Macquarie (Mr. Nicholls) on the ground of ill-health.  
Question—put and passed.
3. WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MINISTERIAL PROGRAMME.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr. Watt—That the Statement be printed—and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Higgs, *viz.*—That after the word “That” there be inserted the words “the Government does not possess the confidence of this House”—

Debate resumed.

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

Mr. Watt moved, That the honorable Member for Dalley (Mr. Mahony) be suspended from the service of the House.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Archibald	Mr. Lamond
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Lynch
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Burchell	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Chanter	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Corser	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Poynton
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Watt
Mr. Greene	Mr. Wise
Mr. Gregory	
Mr. Groom	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Jowett	Mr. Story
Mr. Kelly	Mr. John Thomson

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Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Considine	Mr. West
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Yates
Mr. Higgs	
Mr. Mahony	
Mr. Mathews	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Page
Mr. Tudor	Mr. Riley

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The honorable Member was, therefore, under Standing Order No. 59, suspended for the remainder of the day's sitting, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

The honorable Member for Barrier (Mr. Considine), while addressing the House, having been ordered to withdraw certain disorderly expressions, and the honorable Member refusing to do so, and disorder arising—

*Suspension of Sitting.*—Mr. Speaker suspended the sitting for a quarter of an hour.

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The House having resumed—

*Member named.*—Mr. Considine, still refusing to withdraw the disorderly expressions, was named by Mr. Speaker for disregarding the authority of the Chair.

Mr. Watt moved, That the honorable Member for Barrier (Mr. Considine) be suspended from the service of the House.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 34

Mr. Archibald	Mr. Leckie
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Lynch
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Burchell	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Corser	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Poynton
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Spence
Mr. Greene	Mr. Watt
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Wise
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Jowett	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Kelly	Mr. Story
Mr. Lamond	Mr. John Thomson

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Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Considine	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Corboy	Mr. West
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Yates
Mr. Finlayson	
Mr. Higgs	
Mr. W. Maloney	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Page
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Riley

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The honorable Member was, therefore, under Standing Order No. 59, suspended for a week, this being his second occasion of suspension, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Debate continued.

Mr. Sinclair 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 Wednesday next.

4. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Navy and Defence Administration—Royal Commission—Report on Navy Administration (dated 13th February, 1919).

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Awards and Orders of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, and other documents, in connexion with plaints submitted by the—  
Australian Commonwealth Post and Telegraph Association (dated 12th May, 1919).  
Australian Letter Carriers' Association (dated 12th May, 1919).  
General Division Officers' Union of the Trade and Customs Department (dated 12th May, 1919).

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at—

Carnegie, Victoria—For War Service Home purposes.

Fitzroy, Victoria—For Australian Notes Act purposes.

Tarcoola, South Australia—For Railway purposes.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twelve minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next, at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—  
Lieut.-Col. Abbott, Mr. Bruce, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Chapman, Sir Joseph Cook, Mr. Falkiner, Mr. Heitmann\*(a), Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jensen, Mr. Lister, Mr. Livingston, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Nicholls\*, Mr. Orchard, Major-General Ryrie\*(a), Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Webster.

\* On leave.

(a) Absent with Australian Imperial Force.

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