

1909.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 4.**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 1st JUNE, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. **PETITION.**—Mr. Bamford presented a Petition from certain electors of the Commonwealth praying that the Parliament will cause a Referendum to be taken on the question of amending the Constitution so as to provide for the abolition of the State Governments and Parliaments, the transfer of their property and powers to the Commonwealth, and the establishment of new State Governments by the Parliament of the Commonwealth, with such powers and functions as that Parliament may confer upon them.
Petition received and read.
3. **RESIGNATION OF MINISTRY.**—Mr. Fisher informed the House that, after the Division taken in the House on Thursday last, Ministers had considered the position and had advised His Excellency the Governor-General to dissolve the House. His Excellency had not seen fit to accept the advice, and had promised to give a written reply to a memorandum which he (Mr. Fisher) had submitted on the question. Ministers had tendered their resignations, and he was officially informed that the honorable Member for Ballaarat (Mr. Deakin) had been commissioned to form a new Administration.
4. **THE LATE HONORABLE THOMAS PRICE, PREMIER OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA—VOTE OF CONDOLENCE.**—Mr. Fisher moved, by leave, That this House places on record its profound regret at the untimely decease of the Premier of South Australia, the Honorable Thomas Price, and expresses its deep sympathy with his family and the people of South Australia.
Mr. Deakin and Mr. Speaker having addressed the House in support of the motion, and all Members present having risen in silence—
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Resolved—That Mr. Speaker be requested to convey the resolution to Mrs. Price and to the Acting Premier of South Australia.
5. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at eighteen minutes past three 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—Mr. Chapman, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Hans Irvine, Mr. Knox, Mr. Liddell, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Mauger, Mr. Reid, Mr. Duguld Thomson, Mr. Watson, and Mr. Willis.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.