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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 24.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 27TH JULY, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

2. DEATH OF THE SPEAKER.—The Clerk (all Members standing) said—

It is with deep regret that I have to announce that Mr. Speaker died at Parliament House on Friday afternoon, the 23rd July instant.

After which the Mace was brought into the House by the Serjeant-at-Arms and laid under the Table.

3. THE LATE HONORABLE SIR FREDERICK WILLIAM HOLDER, K.C.M.G.—THE SPEAKER.—Mr. Deakin, addressing himself to the Clerk, moved—

That the Parliament records its high appreciation of the many and eminent services rendered to the Commonwealth by the late Sir Frederick Holder, particularly during his tenure of the arduous office of Speaker from its first assembling until his decease on Friday last.

Inspired by a lofty conception of the duties of his office, he presided over the House of Representatives with conspicuous ability, firmness, and impartiality. An unsparing devotion to administrative duties was associated with a personal courtesy which endeared him to Members and Officers of the House.

The founding of a National Library has been among the most important of his special interests.

All citizens of Australia will concur in tendering their profound sympathy to the bereaved wife and family of a most distinguished Australian, whose loss is deeply felt by the whole community.

That this resolution be transmitted to the Senate for its consideration.

And Mr. Fisher and other honorable Members having addressed the House—

The Clerk, by direction of the House, put the question, That the foregoing motion be agreed to—

And, all Members standing, it was resolved in the affirmative.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin, addressing himself to the Clerk, moved, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Speaker, the Honorable Sir Frederick William Holder, That the House do now adjourn.

The Clerk, by direction of the House, put the Question for adjourning the House, which was resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-seven 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. Bowden, Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Carr, Mr. Catts, Mr. Chapman*, Sir Thomas Ewing, Mr. Foster, Colonel Foxton*, Mr. Hall, Mr. Hughes, Mr. W. H. Irvine, Mr. Knox, Mr. Liddell, Mr. Reid, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Watson*, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Wilks.

* On leave.

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