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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER, 1919.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Bank Act—Commonwealth Bank of Australia—Aggregate Balance-sheet at 30th June, 1919; together with Auditor-General's Report thereon.
3. PRESENTATION OF BIBLE TO PARLIAMENT.—Mr. Speaker informed honorable Members that on Friday last His Excellency the Governor-General, on behalf of the British and Foreign Bible Society, had presented to the Parliament a Bible and lectern to commemorate the signing of peace.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Wool Shipping and Dumping Dispute in Sydney—Various Papers in connexion with.
Women's Employment Committee—Report. (Paper presented to the British Parliament.)
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Inscribed Stock Act—Dealings and Transactions during year ended 30th June, 1918.
Public Service Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1919, Nos. 215, 216.
5. PEACE TREATY BETWEEN ALLIES AND GERMANY.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Hughes, That this House approves of the Treaty of Peace between the Allied and Associated Powers and Germany signed at Versailles on the 28th June, 1919—
Debate resumed.
Sir Joseph Cook, addressing the House and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257A, was given leave to continue his speech.
Mr. J. H. Catts, addressing the House and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257A, was given leave to continue his speech.
Mr. J. H. Catts moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the motion—"That owing to the limited amount of information placed before Parliament in relation to the Peace Treaty, its commitments and responsibilities, the whole matter be referred to a Committee of both Houses of the Parliament for inquiry and report."
Mr. Fleming 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.
6. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-two 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, Mr. Bayley, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Considine, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Heitmann^(a),
Mr. Kelly, Mr. Leckie, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Mahony, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Orchard,
Mr. Pigott, Major-General Ryrie^(a), Mr. Watkins, Mr. Watt, and Mr. Yates.

* On leave.

^(a) Absent with Australian Imperial Force.

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

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