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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

No. 120.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER, 1927.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Sir Littleton Groom) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT.—Mr. Charlton (Leader of the Opposition) moved, pursuant to notice, That, owing to its attitude towards the Commonwealth Shipping Line, the Government has forfeited the confidence of this House. The surrender of Government ownership of the Commonwealth Line will act to the serious detriment of Australian producers and will subject the whole community to exploitation by the shipping combine against which the Government Line is at present the only effective safeguard.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF ALL OTHER BUSINESS UNTIL AFTER DISPOSAL OF WANT OF CONFIDENCE MOTION.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That all other Business be postponed until after the Motion of Want of Confidence, now before the House, is disposed of.
Question—put and passed.
4. WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Charlton:—That, owing to its attitude towards the Commonwealth Shipping Line, the Government has forfeited the confidence of this House. The surrender of Government ownership of the Commonwealth Line will act to the serious detriment of Australian producers, and will subject the whole community to exploitation by the shipping combine against which the Government Line is at present the only effective safeguard—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Aubrey Abbott 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 the next sitting.
5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Shipping Act—Commonwealth Shipping Board—
Profit and Loss Account for the year 1st April, 1926, to 31st March, 1927.
Balance-sheet as at 31st March, 1927.
Australian Commonwealth Line of Steamers—
Profit and Loss Account for the year 1st April, 1926, to 31st March, 1927.
Balance Sheet as at 31st March, 1927.
Result of working of Fleet for the year 1st April, 1926, to 31st of March, 1927.
Realisation of Assets (Surplus Tonnage) Account for period 1st September, 1923, to 31st March, 1927.
Cockatoo Island—
Profit and Loss Account for the year 1st April, 1926, to 31st March, 1927.
Balance Sheet as at 31st March, 1927.

8th November, 1927.

Defence Act—Australian Rifle Club Regulations—Statutory Rules 1927, No. 120.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at—

Parafield, South Australia—For Defence purposes.

Queanbeyan, Federal Capital Territory—For Federal Capital purposes.

Public Service Act—Appointments—

H. C. Behan and L. D. O'Donnell, Parliamentary Reporting Staff.

G. H. Hallandal, Department of Works and Railways.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Order for variation of lay-out of the City of Canberra and its environs, dated 29th October, 1927.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-seven 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—
Mr. Bell, Mr. Donald Cameron, Mr. Malcolm Cameron, Mr. Albert Green, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Killen, Mr. Lacey, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Ley, Mr. Makin, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Mann, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Parker Moloney, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Parsons, Mr. Pratten, Mr. Rodgers, and Mr. Stewart.

E. W. PARKES,
Clerk-Assistant, House of Representatives.