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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

No. 123.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 15TH 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. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Lacey rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The purchase of £100,000 worth of radium abroad by the Government".
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—
Mr. Lacey moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 119, and the Business of the Day was called on.

3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Customs Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1927, No. 121.
Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Australia Act—
Central Australia—Ordinance of 1927—No. 14—Crown Lands.
North Australia—Ordinance of 1927—No. 14—Crown Lands.
Papua Act—Ordinances of 1927—
No. 1—Oaths.
No. 2—Administration of Justice.
No. 4—Factors.
No. 5—Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages.
4. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1927).—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1922-1925* and for other purposes.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Earle Page then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. Earle Page moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Scullin 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. SUPPLY [BUDGET DEBATE].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed (*see page 358*), That the first item in the Estimates, under Division I.—The Parliament—namely—

The President	£1,300
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be agreed to.

General debate resumed.

Mr. Charlton moved, as an amendment, That the first item be reduced by £1.

Debate continued.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-eight minutes to eleven 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. Anstey, Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Donald Cameron, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Hughes,
Mr. Hurry, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Ley, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Mann, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. McGrath,
Mr. Parker Moloney, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Parkhill, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Watkins, and
Mr. Watt.

E. W. PARKES,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.