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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

No. 155.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 16TH MARCH, 1928.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.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. Fenton 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 movements of large broadcasting companies in Australia towards establishing a monopoly, and the consequent injury to the people of Australia if such a monopoly were effected."
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. Fenton moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
New Guinea Act—Ordinances of 1928—
 No. 4—Appropriation 1927-28.
 No. 5—Contracts.
 No. 6—Mining.
Northern Australia Act—Ordinances of 1928—
 Central Australia—
 No. 3—Birds Protection.
 No. 4—Health.
 North Australia—
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4. FINANCIAL AGREEMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Charlton, viz. :—"That all the words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words :—"the Bill, involving as it does an alteration of the Constitution, be postponed until Parliament has had an opportunity to discuss a comprehensive scheme of constitutional reform, including the evidence taken before the Royal Commission now sitting and its proposals when made"—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Scullin addressing the House and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257A—the honorable Member was given leave to continue his speech.
Mr. Rodgers 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 the next sitting.

. 16th March, 1928.

5. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.
6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at four minutes to four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—
Mr. Bell, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Robert Cook, Mr. Duncan-Hughes, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Josiah Francis, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Gullett, Mr. Hurry, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Lacey, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Ley, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Thomas Paterson, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Pratten, Mr. Edward Riley, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Watt, and Mr. West.

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