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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

No. 166.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 3RD MAY, 1928.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Sir Littleton Groom) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. COMMONWEALTH LINE OF STEAMERS—TENDERS FOR PURCHASE—PRINTING OF PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister), That the Paper [*presented on the 24th April*], viz. :—

Tenders for the Purchase of the Australian Commonwealth Line of Steamers—

be printed, *and upon the amendment moved thereto by Mr. Scullin, viz. :—*That all the words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words:—"in the opinion of this House the Government, by the sale of the Commonwealth Line of Steamers, has sacrificed valuable public assets and has placed Australian producers, shippers, and our people generally at the mercy of the shipping combine"—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Parker Moloney rising to address the House—

Closure.—Mr. Bruce moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 35.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Killen
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Latham
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Ley
Mr. Bell	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mann
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Corser	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Grosvenor Francis	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Prowse
Sir John Gellibrand	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Gregory	
Mr. Hill	
Sir Neville Howse	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hurry	Mr. Hunter
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Manning

Noes, 21.

Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Theodore
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Forde	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. West
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Yates
Mr. W. Maloney	
Mr. McGrath	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Edward Riley	Mr. Makin
Mr. E. C. Riley	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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And the question being accordingly put—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—

The House divided—

Ayes, 36.		Noes, 21.	
Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Killen	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Latham	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Ley	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Theodore
Mr. Bell	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Coleman	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mann	Mr. Forde	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marks	Mr. Albert Green	Mr. West
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Yates
Mr. Corser	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. W. Maloney	
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Parkhill	Mr. McGrath	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Parker Moloney	
Mr. Grosvenor Francis	Mr. Perkins	Mr. Edward Riley	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Pratten	Mr. E. C. Riley	Mr. Makin
Sir John Gellibrand	Mr. Prowse		
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Seabrook		
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Thompson		
Mr. Hill			
Sir Neville Howse	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Hurry	Mr. Hunter		
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Manning		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the main question—That the Paper be printed—being accordingly put, was passed.

3. LEAGUE OF NATIONS—EIGHTH ASSEMBLY—REPORT OF AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION—PRINTING OF PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Latham (Attorney-General), That the Paper [presented on the 30th November last], viz. :—

League of Nations—Eighth Assembly—Report of Australian Delegation—

be printed—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed.

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

And then the House, at twenty minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bowden, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Roland Green, Sir Elliot Johnson, Mr. Lacey, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Marr, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Rodgers, and Mr. Watt.

E. W. PARKES,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.