

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.
CANBERRA.

No. 177.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 24TH MAY, 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. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Nauru—Report to the Council of the League of Nations on the Administration of Nauru during the year 1927.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
3. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (No. 2) (1927).—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—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Gullett 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 a later hour this day.
4. STATEMENT BY LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION—PROPOSED ROYAL COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGED MONETARY OFFERS TO MEMBERS.—Mr. Scullin (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, made a Statement in connexion with the intention of the Government to appoint a Royal Commission to inquire into certain statements made through the press to the effect that monetary offers had been made to certain Members of the House of Representatives to induce them to resign their seats in the House.
Mr. Latham (Attorney-General), by leave, also made a Statement with reference to the matter.
5. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (No. 2) (1927).—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—
Debate resumed.
Mr. West addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257A, asked leave to continue his speech.
Objection being raised, leave not granted.
Debate continued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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- Debate continued.
Mr. Latham (Attorney-General) 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.
6. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.

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7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at half-past five o'clock in the morning, adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Bruce, Mr. Grosvenor Francis, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jackson, Sir Elliot Johnson, Mr. Ley, Mr. Marr, Mr. Parkhill, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Seabrook, and Mr. Watt.

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