THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA. CANBERRA.

No. 181.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 1st JUNE, 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. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1928, No. 42.

Northern Australia Act-North Australia-Encouragement of Primary Production Ordinance -Regulations Amended.

3. NATIONAL DEBT SINKING FUND BILL (1928).--Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the National Debt Sinking Fund Act 1923-1925.

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.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

4. Australian British Empire Exhibition 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-

Mr. Parker Moloney 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. Ministerial Statement—Proposed Treaty for the Renunciation of War—Motion for Printing PAPER.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the Proposed Treaty for the Renunciation of War, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper :-

Documents (April-May, 1928) relating to the Proposed Treaty for the Renunciation of Warand moved, That the Paper be printed.

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.

6. Leave of Absence to Member (Mr. Bowden).-Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Parramatta (Mr. Bowden) on the ground of urgent public business.

Question—put and passed.

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

And then the House, at nine minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

Members Present.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—
Mr. Anstey, Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Bowden,* Mr. Brennan, Mr. Donald Cameron, Mr. Charlton,
Mr. Coleman, Mr. Forde, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Gullett, Mr. Hill,
Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hurry, Sir Elliot Johnson, Mr. Lacey, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Latham, Mr. Lazzarini,
Mr. Makin, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Marks, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Parsons,
Mr. E. C. Riley, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Theodore, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Watt,
and Mr. West.

• On leave.

E. W. PARKES,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.