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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 26.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 27TH JULY, 1923.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Right Honorable W. A. Watt) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (MR. DONALD CAMERON).—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Brisbane (Mr. Donald Cameron), on the ground of urgent public business.
Question—put and passed.
3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—IMPERIAL AND ECONOMIC CONFERENCES, 1923—SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPERS.—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 Papers [*presented on the 24th instant*], viz. :—
Imperial Conference, 1923—Subjects listed for discussion ;
Economic Conference, 1923—Subjects listed for discussion—
be printed—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Charlton, 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.
Debate continued.
Mr. Marks, 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.
Debate continued.
Mr. Hughes 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.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—IMMIGRATION BILL (1923).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—
MR. SPEAKER, *Message No. 8.*
The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Immigration Act 1901-1920'*," and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.
The Senate, THOS. GIVENS,
President.
Melbourne, 27th July, 1923.
Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message 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 the next sitting.
5. NATIONALITY BILL (1923).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Groom (Attorney-General) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Charlton 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. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 3 to 7, Government Business, be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 8.

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7. AUSTRALIAN WAR MUSEUM TRUST FUND BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Atkinson (Minister representing the Minister for Home and Territories), moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Charlton 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.
8. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Monday next, at three o'clock p.m.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-seven minutes to five o'clock p.m., adjourned until Monday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bamford, Mr. Blakeley, Mr. Donald Cameron*, Mr. Fenton, Mr. R. W. Foster, Sir Neville Howse, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Mahony, Mr. McGrath, Mr. McNeill, and Mr. Seabrook.

*On leave.

WALTER A. GALE,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.