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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 49.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 28TH MARCH, 1924.

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. IMPERIAL AND ECONOMIC CONFERENCES, 1923—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPERS AND APPROVING RESOLUTIONS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) :—
 - (1) That the Summary of Proceedings of the Imperial Conference 1923, and the Resolutions of the Imperial Economic Conference 1923 [*Papers presented on the 27th instant*], be printed.
 - (2) That this House approves of the conclusions of the Imperial Conference, as set out in the Summary of Proceedings, relating to—
 - (a) Foreign Relations ;
 - (b) Negotiation, Signature and Ratification of Treaties ;
 - (c) Defence.
 - (3) That this House approves of the Resolutions of the Imperial Economic Conference relating to—
 - (a) Imperial Preference ;
 - (b) Imperial Economic Committee—

and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Charlton (Leader of the Opposition), viz. :—That all the words after the first word "That" in paragraph (2) be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof :—"this House approves of the foreign policy of His Majesty's Government in Great Britain, as indorsed by a majority of the representatives of the British people in the House of Commons, aiming as such policy does to bring about goodwill between nations and advance the peace of the world"—

Debate resumed.

Sir Littleton Groom (Attorney-General) moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 37.

Mr. Bamford	Mr. Hurry
Mr. Bayley	Sir Elliot Johnson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mann
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Manning
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Marks
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Corser	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Frederick Francis	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Gregory	
Sir Littleton Groom	
Mr. Hill	
Sir Neville Howse	Mr. Marr
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Prowse

Tellers :

Noes, 21.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Charlton	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Forde	Mr. West
Mr. Lambert	
Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Mahony	
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Mc Grath	Mr. Frederick McDonald

Tellers :

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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3. MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General's Deputy was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

STRADBROKE,

Deputy of the Governor-General.

Message No. 30.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Deputy of the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of One million five hundred thousand pounds for Naval Construction.

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Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House at the next sitting.

4. JOINT COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—REPORT.—Mr. Bayley, Chairman of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, brought up the following Report from the Committee :—

Lithgow Housing Scheme.

Ordered to be printed.

5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—

No. 1 of 1924—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.

No. 2 of 1924—Commonwealth General Division Telephone Officers' Association.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at Nuriootpa, South Australia—For Postal purposes.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at six 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. Atkinson, Mr. Gabb, Mr. Albert Green, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Lacey, Mr. Latham, Mr. Makin, Mr. Charles McDonald, Mr. O'Keefe, and Mr. Yates.

WALTER A. GALE,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.