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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 59.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 16TH MAY, 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. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Lazzarini rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The unsatisfactory administration of the Electoral Act". Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—Mr. Lazzarini moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
3. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT (ADMINISTRATION) BILL (1924).—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 6—

Debate resumed on the amendment moved by Mr. Charlton, viz. :—That the word "three" (line 21) be omitted with a view to the insertion of the word "one" in place thereof.
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bamford reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. PRINTING COMMITTEE—FIRST REPORT FROM.—Mr. Corser, Chairman, brought up the First Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate). The Report was read by the Clerk, as follows :—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have met in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the Petition and Papers presented to Parliament since the commencement of the Session, recommend that the following be printed :—

- British Phosphate Commission—Report and Accounts, 1921-22.
- * Cable Traffic—Particulars *re* rates and other charges.
- Contract Immigrants Act—Return for 1923.
- Immigration Act—Return for 1923.
- Iron and Steel Products Bounty Act—Statement *re*.
- Meat Export Bounties Act—Return of Subsidies paid.
- Nationality Act—Return for 1923.
- Northern Territory Election, 1922—Alleged Irregularities—Report by Chief Electoral Officer.
- † Radio-Broadcasting—Amendment of Wireless Regulations—Report of Conference.
- * Visit of Mr. Sastri—Letter to Mr. Sastri from Mr. W. M. Hughes, late Prime Minister.

*Presented to Senate only. —† Presented to House of Representatives only.

E. B. C. CORSER,
Chairman.

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Mr. Corser moved, That the Report be agreed to.
Question—put and passed.

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- 5 PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Northern Territory—Report of Administrator for year ended 30th June, 1923.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next, at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Gibson*, Mr. Albert Green, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Hughes*, Mr. Hunter*, Sir Elliot Johnson, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Marr, Mr. Charles McDonald*, Mr. McGrath, Sir Granville Ryrie, and Mr. Watkins.

* On leave.

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