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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 17TH JULY, 1924.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Right Honorable W. A. Watt) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
New Guinea—Report to the League of Nations on the Administration of the Territory of New Guinea from 1st July, 1922, to 30th June, 1923.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. O'Keefe 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 actions of the War Service Homes Commission in its transactions with the Co-operative Estates Limited of Hobart".
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. O'Keefe moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
4. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinance of 1924—No. 15—Crown Lands.
5. DEFENCE EQUIPMENT 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—and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Anstey, viz.:—That after the word "That" the following words be inserted:—"as efforts are being made by the President of the United States and the Prime Minister of Great Britain to convene another Conference to deal with the question of further disarmament, and in view of the early sitting of the League of Nations, it is the opinion of this House that expenditure on naval construction should be deferred for the present"—
Debate resumed.
Sir Elliot Johnson 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. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at five minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—
Mr. Bayley, Sir Austin Chapman*, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Corser, Mr. Gibson*, Mr. Gregory, Sir Littleton Groom, Mr. Hughes*, Mr. Killen*, Mr. Latham*, Mr. Makin, Mr. Marks*, Mr. Charles McDonald*, Mr. Seabrook*, and Mr. Thompson.

* On leave.

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

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