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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 3.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 12TH JUNE, 1925.

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. WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT.—Mr. Charlton (Leader of the Opposition) moved, by leave, That the Government is deserving of the severest censure for its flagrant breach of faith in failing to honour the definite promise of the Prime Minister to consult the House before determining where the second cruiser should be built, and for its anti-Australian action in sending millions of pounds out of the country for the construction of both cruisers abroad.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Mahony addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

3. POSTPONEMENT OF ALL OTHER BUSINESS UNTIL AFTER DISPOSAL OF WANT OF CONFIDENCE MOTION.—Sir Littleton Groom (Attorney-General) moved, That all other Business be postponed until after the Motion of Want of Confidence, now before the House, is disposed of.

Question—put and passed.

4. WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Charlton :—That the Government is deserving of the severest censure for its flagrant breach of faith in failing to honour the definite promise of the Prime Minister to consult the House before determining where the second cruiser should be built, and for its anti-Australian action in sending millions of pounds out of the country for the construction of both cruisers abroad—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Watkins 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. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—NORTHERN TERRITORY REPRESENTATION BILL (1925)—REQUEST FOR RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION OF.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 1.

Pursuant to the Standing Orders in that behalf, the Senate requests the House of Representatives to resume the consideration of a Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Northern Territory Representation Act 1922'*," which was transmitted to the House of Representatives for concurrence during last session of the Parliament, and the proceedings on which were interrupted by the prorogation of the Parliament.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 12th June, 1925.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message be made an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

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6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—LANDS ACQUISITION BILL (1925)—REQUEST FOR RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION OF.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 2.

Pursuant to the Standing Orders in that behalf, the Senate requests the House of Representatives to resume the consideration of a Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Lands Acquisition Act 1906–1916’*,” which was transmitted to the House of Representatives for concurrence during last session of the Parliament, and the proceedings on which were interrupted by the prorogation of the Parliament.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 12th June, 1925.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message be made an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—NATIONALITY BILL (1925)—REQUEST FOR RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION OF.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 3.

Pursuant to the Standing Orders in that behalf, the Senate requests the House of Representatives to resume the consideration of a Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Nationality Act 1920–1922’*,” which was transmitted to the House of Representatives for concurrence during last session of the Parliament, and the proceedings on which were interrupted by the prorogation of the Parliament.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 12th June, 1925.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message be made an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

8. TIME OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

Question—put and passed.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eighteen minutes to 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—Sir Austin Chapman, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Hurry, Mr. Marks, and Mr. Frederick McDonald.

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