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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 4.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH JUNE, 1925.

1. The House met at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Right Honorable W. A. Watt) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES.—The following Warrant, nominating Temporary Chairmen of Committees, pursuant to Standing Order No. 25, was laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker :—

The Parliament of the Commonwealth.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order numbered 25, I do hereby nominate—

James Garfield Bayley, Esquire,
 Robert Cook, Esquire,
 Edward Alexander Mann, Esquire,
 Norman John Oswald Makin, Esquire, and
 The Honorable David Watkins,

to act as Temporary Chairmen of Committees when requested so to do by the Chairman of Committees.

Given under my hand this seventeenth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five.

W. A. WATT,
 Speaker.

3. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Audit Act—Special Report of the Auditor-General, being supplementary to the Report upon the Accounts for the year 1923-24.
 Ordered to be printed.
 - The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 - Markets and Migration Department—List of Regulations and Proclamations issued under various Acts administered by the Department.
 Ordered to lie on the Table.
 - The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Audit Act—Transfers of Amounts approved by the Governor-General in Council—Financial Year 1924-25—Dated 10th June, 1925.
 - Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at Bencubbin, Western Australia—For Postal purposes.
 - Public Service Act—
 - Appointments—Department of—
 - Trade and Customs—
 - R. A. Dunt.
 - R. A. Patten.
 - E. P. Vallentine.
 - W. L. Whitehall.
 - Works and Railways—
 - H. C. Carrick.

Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1925, Nos. 93, 94, 95.

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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 (Leader of the Opposition):—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.

Sir Littleton Groom (Attorney-General) 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. **TIME OF NEXT MEETING.**—Sir Littleton Groom (Attorney-General) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

Question—put and passed.

6. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Sir Littleton Groom (Attorney-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at ten minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—
Sir Austin Chapman, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hurry, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Marks,
Mr. Frederick McDonald, and Sir Granville Ryrie.

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