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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 20.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 14<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 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. PRESENTATION OF SPEAKER'S CHAIR BY UNITED KINGDOM BRANCH OF EMPIRE PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION—RESOLUTION OF THANKS. Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had, on the 13th July last, received the following cablegram from the Right Honorable J. H. Whitley, Speaker of the House of Commons :—

Members Empire Parliamentary Association in Parliament of United Kingdom desire to present to Commonwealth Parliament Speaker's Chair for new Federal Parliament House, Canberra. Chair would be replica of that in our House of Commons. Telegraph whether this presentation would be acceptable—

and that, during the adjournment of the House for the visit of the American Fleet, he had cabled the following reply :—

Have much pleasure in accepting on behalf of the House of Representatives Speaker's Chair, so gracefully and generously offered for House, Canberra, by United Kingdom Branch of Empire Parliamentary Association. Resolution of House will be proposed when House re-assembles in about three weeks.

Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) thereupon moved, That the offer of the United Kingdom Branch of the Empire Parliamentary Association to present to the Commonwealth Parliament a Speaker's Chair for use in the Parliament House at Canberra be most cordially accepted, and that Mr. Speaker be requested to convey to the Speaker of the House of Commons, Joint President of the United Kingdom Branch, the sincere thanks of this House for such a valued gift, and its warm appreciation of this expression of goodwill towards our Commonwealth from the Members of the Home Parliament.

And Mr. Charlton (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion—  
Question—put and passed.

3. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Canberra—Report of Operations of Federal Capital Commission for Quarter ended 30th June, 1925.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.
4. LEAGUE OF NATIONS—FIFTH ASSEMBLY—REPORT OF AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION—PRINTING OF PAPER.  
—Sir Littleton Groom (Attorney-General), a delegate of the Commonwealth at the Assembly, laid upon the Table, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, the Report of the Australian Delegation to the Fifth Assembly of the League of Nations (1st September, 1924, to 2nd October, 1924)—and after giving a Report of the Proceedings at the Conference, moved, That the Paper be printed.  
Sir Littleton Groom not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257A, the honorable Member was given leave to continue his speech.  
Mr. Charlton (Leader of the Opposition), who was also a delegate of the Commonwealth at the Assembly, also gave an account of the proceedings.

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Mr. Charlton not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257A, the honorable Member was given leave to continue his speech.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-seven minutes past three o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—  
Mr. Donald Cameron, Mr. Josiah Francis, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Mahony,  
Mr. Frederick McDonald, and Mr. O'Keefe.

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