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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

No. 164.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 27TH APRIL, 1928.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Sir Littleton Groom) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. COMMONWEALTH LINE OF STEAMERS—TENDERS FOR PURCHASE—PRINTING OF PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister), That the Paper [*presented on the 24th April*], viz. :—
Tenders for the Purchase of the Australian Commonwealth Line of Steamers—
be printed—
Debate resumed by Mr. Scullin, who moved, as an amendment, That all the words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words :—"in the opinion of this House the Government, by the sale of the Commonwealth Line of Steamers, has sacrificed valuable public assets and has placed Australian producers, shippers, and our people generally at the mercy of the shipping combine".
Debate continued.
Mr. Makin 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 the next sitting.
3. ALTERATION OF DAY 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.
4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eight 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—
Mr. Bell, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hurry, Sir Elliot Johnson, Mr. Killen,
Mr. Lambert, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Ley, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Watt.

E. W. PARKES,
Clerk of the House of Representatives

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