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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

No. 165.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 2ND MAY, 1928.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Sir Littleton Groom) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Norfolk Island—Report for the year ended 30th June, 1927.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1927, No. 161.
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—
No. 10 of 1928—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.
No. 11 of 1928—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.
3. PRINTING OF PAPER.—Sir Neville Howse (Minister for Home and Territories) moved, That the following Paper, laid on the Table of the House on the 29th March last, be printed :—
North Australia—Initial Report of the North Australia Commission on the Scheme for the Development of North Australia.
Question—put and passed.
4. 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, *and upon the amendment moved thereto by Mr. Scullin, viz. :—*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 resumed.
Mr. Grosvenor Francis 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. Gibson (Postmaster-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—
Mr. Aubrey Abbott, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Hurry, Sir Elliot Johnson, Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Lambert, Mr. Makin, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Rodgers, and Mr. Watt.

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

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