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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 4.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 19TH JUNE, 1923.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Audit Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1923, No. 73.
Income Tax Assessment Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1923, No. 77.
Papua Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1923, No. 74.
Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance of 1923—No. 4—Timber Protection.

3. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—NO-CONFIDENCE AMENDMENT.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, beg to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—

and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Charlton (Leader of the Opposition), viz.:—That the following words be added to the proposed Address:—

“but we consider that your Advisers no longer retain the confidence of this House owing to their attempt to limit the rights of the Commonwealth with regard to constitutional powers, with special reference to financial and industrial matters; also for the unsatisfactory arrangements made in connexion with immigration”—

Debate resumed.

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Frederick McDonald
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Coleman	Mr. O'Keefe
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Forde	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Lacey	Mr. West
Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Mahony	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Makin	Mr. Fenton
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Yates

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Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Hunter
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Hurry
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Killen
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Latham
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Lister
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Mann
Mr. Corser	Mr. Manning
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Marks
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Josiah Francis	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Gibson	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Roland Green	
Mr. Gregory	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Hill	Mr. Marr
Sir Neville Howse	Mr. Prowse

And so it was negatived.

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Mr. Anstey moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the proposed Address :—

“ We also desire to inform Your Excellency that as foreign policy reacts upon domestic policy and may be fraught with grave consequences to the self-governing institutions of our country and the welfare of our people, this House therefore declares—

- (1) That this House should develop the foreign policy Australia is prepared to support and should clearly express the foreign policy it is not prepared to sustain ;
- (2) That only on such conditions should any delegate or delegates be permitted to go abroad to represent Australia ; and
- (3) That on no account should the despatch of such delegation be accepted as an excuse for the suspension of the functions of self-government in this country.”

Mr. Anstey addressing the House, and 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.

Debate continued.

Mr. Mahony 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.

4. TIME OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Bowden (Minister for Defence) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

Question—put and passed.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bowden (Minister for Defence) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-five 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. Donald Cameron, Mr. Albert Green, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Charles McDonald,
Mr. Nelson, Mr. Pratten, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Whitsitt.

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