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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 2ND APRIL, 1924.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Right Honorable W. A. Watt) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Public Service Act—Appointment of H. F. Taylor, Department of the Treasury.
3. JOINT COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—REPORT.—Mr. Bayley, Chairman of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, brought up the following Report from the Committee :—  
Canberra Housing.  
Ordered to be printed.
4. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Lister rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The care and treatment of mentally afflicted Returned Soldiers".  
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—  
Mr. Lister moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 119, and the Business of the Day was called on.
5. CANNED FRUIT BOUNTY BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—  
Mr. Austin Chapman (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Manning 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.
6. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
High Commissioner of the Commonwealth in the United Kingdom—Report for the year 1923.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.
7. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SEAT OF GOVERNMENT (ADMINISTRATION) BILL (1924).—  
The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—  
FORSTER,  
Governor-General. *Message No. 32.*  
In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to make further provision for the Government of the Territory for the Seat of Government.  
Government House,  
Melbourne, 2nd April, 1924.  
Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.  
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

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*(In the Committee.)*

*Resolved*, on the motion of Mr. Stewart (Minister for Works and Railways)—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to make further provision for the Government of the Territory for the Seat of Government.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Sir Neville Howse reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.

The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Stewart, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Stewart and Sir Littleton Groom do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Stewart then brought up the Bill, accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) 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. Gabb, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Lacey, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Makin, Mr. Charles McDonald, Mr. Seabrook, Mr. Whitsitt, and Mr. Yates.

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