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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH JUNE, 1924.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Right Honorable W. A. Watt) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION OF WANT OF CONFIDENCE.**—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to matters of administration and Parliamentary business as affected by the Motion of Want of Confidence which was now being discussed by the House.
3. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1924, No. 73.  
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at Blackburn, Victoria—For Postal purposes.  
Public Service Act—Appointment of Dr. F. R. Kerr, Department of Health.
4. **WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT.**—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Scullin:—That this House strongly condemns the Government for its action in—  
(a) Agreeing to pay out of public revenue the sum of £275,393 10s. for distribution between the British Government and B.A.W.R.A. on a claim that had neither legal nor moral support ;  
(b) Entering into the agreement without consulting Parliament ; and  
(c) Making a part payment of £137,696 15s. without Parliamentary appropriation—  
Debate resumed.  
Mr. Thomas Paterson 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. **WITHDRAWAL OF NOTICE OF MOTION.**—Mr Forde withdrew the Notice of Motion standing in his name with reference to the appointment of a Royal Commission in regard to the Administration of the Mandated Territory of New Guinea.
6. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty minutes to eleven 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—  
Sir Austin Chapman, Mr. Gibson\*, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hunter\*, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Marks,  
Mr. Charles McDonald\*, Mr. McNeill, and Mr. Thompson.

\* On leave.

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