

1923-24.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 70.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 12TH JUNE, 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. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Naval Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1924, No. 82.
 Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinance of 1924—No. 13—Police Fund Abolition.
 Public Service Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1924, No. 84.
3. 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. Prowse rising to address the House—

Closure—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Atkinson	Sir Elliot Johnson
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Killen
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Latham
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Lister
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Mann
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Manning
Mr. Corser	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Josiah Francis	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Gregory	Mr. William Watson
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Whitsitt
Mr. Hill	
Sir Neville Howse	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Hurry	Mr. Marr
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Prowse

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Mr. Anstey	Mr. Frederick McDonald
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McNeill
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Mr. Gabb	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. West
Mr. Lacey	Mr. Yates
Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Mahony	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Makin	Mr. Fenton
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Edward Riley

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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And the question being accordingly put—That this House strongly condemns the Government for its action in—

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And so it was negatived.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—COMMONWEALTH BANK BILL (1924).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General's Deputy was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

L. F. CUSSEN,

Deputy of the Governor-General.

Message No. 37.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Deputy of the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Bank Act 1911-1920*, and for other purposes.

Melbourne, 5th June, 1924.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-two minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bamford, Sir Austin Chapman, Mr. Gibson*, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hunter*, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Marks, Mr. Charles McDonald*, and Mr. Thompson.

* On leave.

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