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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 68.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 6TH JUNE, 1924.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.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—
 - Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—
 - No. 18 of 1924—Professional Officers' Association.
 - No. 20 of 1924—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association; Australian Telegraphists' Union; Commonwealth Postmasters' Association; Federated Public Service Assistants' Association; Australian Postal Assistants' Union; General Division Officers' Union of the Trade and Customs Department; Australian Postal Linemen's Union; and Australian Letter Carriers' Association.
 - No. 22 of 1924—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.
 - War Service Homes Act—Land acquired at Waverley, New South Wales.
3. WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT.—Mr. Scullin moved, pursuant to notice, 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.

Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that the Right Honorable Member have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ALL OTHER BUSINESS UNTIL AFTER DISPOSAL OF WANT OF CONFIDENCE MOTION.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That all other Business be postponed until after the Motion of Want of Confidence, now before the House, is disposed of.

Question—put and passed.

5. 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. Killen, addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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6. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—
Ordinances of 1924—
No. 11—Aboriginals (No. 2).
No. 12—Deceased Brother's Widow's Marriage.
7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved; That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—
Mr. Bayley, Mr. Blakeley, Sir Austin Chapman, Mr. Gibson*, Sir Neville Howse, Mr. Hughes*,
Mr. Hunter*, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Manning, Mr. Marks, Mr. Charles McDonald*, Mr. McGrath,
Mr. McNeill, Mr. Seabrook, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Whitsitt.

* On leave.

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