

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 11.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 4TH FEBRUARY, 1926.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Sir Littleton Groom) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Canberra—Photographs to accompany Quarterly Report of the Federal Capital Commission to 31st December, 1925, laid upon the Table of the House on the 22nd ultimo.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—IMPORTATION OF BROOM MILLET.—Sir Neville Howse (Minister for Health), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the question of again permitting the importation of broom millet into Australia.
4. NATIONALITY—LOSS OF, BY MARRIAGE WITH ALIEN.—Mr. Duncan-Hughes moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, a British woman should not lose, or be deemed to lose, her nationality by the mere act of marriage with an alien, but that it should be open to her to make a declaration of alienage.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Marr 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 Thursday, the 25th instant.
5. RAILWAY THROUGH CENTRAL QUEENSLAND TO NORTH-SOUTH LINE.—Mr. Manning moved, pursuant to notice, That it is essential for the proper development of Northern Australia that a railway be constructed from Bourke, New South Wales, through Central Queensland towards Cloncurry and thence across the Barkly Tablelands to a point on the North-South Railway in the Northern Territory—the carrying of this resolution to be taken as an instruction from this House to the Government to approach the State Governments of New South Wales and Queensland with a view of apportioning the expense of constructing this line between the Commonwealth and the States mentioned.
Mr. Manning 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 Thursday, the 25th instant.
6. WAR SERVICE HOMES COMMISSION AND H. DEAN AND SONS—SELECT COMMITTEE.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Watkins :—
 - (1) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the claim of H. Dean and Sons, of Mayfield, Newcastle, New South Wales, against the War Service Homes Department.
 - (2) That such Committee consist of Sir Elliot Johnson, Mr. E. C. Riley, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Thompson, Mr. William Watson, and the Mover, five to form a quorum ; with power to send for persons and papers and records and examine judgments in connexion therewith, to adjourn from place to place; and have leave to report from time to time its proceedings and the evidence taken; and that such Committee do report this day three months—
 Debate resumed.
Mr. Marr 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 Thursday, the 18th proximo.

7. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That Order of the Day, General Business, No. 2, be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, the 25th instant.
8. **SUPPLY** [“GRIEVANCE DAY”].—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—
Question proposed—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, resolve itself into the said Committee.
9. **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—NORTHERN AUSTRALIA BILL (1926).**—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 5.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “*An Act to make further provision for the Development and Government of the Northern Territory of Australia and for other purposes,*” and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 4th February, 1926.

Mr. Marr (Minister representing the Minister for Home and Territories) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message 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.

10. **DRIED FRUITS ADVANCES BILL (1926).**—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2 debated and agreed to.

Clause 3 debated—

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Sir Granville Ryrie reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

And then the House, at ten minutes past eleven 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. Anstey, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Seabrook, and Mr. Thompson.

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