

# THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 17.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 18TH 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. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (MR. ANSTEY).—Mr. Charlton (Leader of the Opposition) moved, by leave, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Bourke (Mr. Anstey), on the ground of ill-health.  
Question—put and passed.
3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—STEEL SLEEPERS FOR NORTHERN TERRITORY RAILWAY.—Mr. Hill (Minister for Works and Railways), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the contract for the supply of Steel Sleepers for the Northern Territory Railway.
4. CRIMES BILL (1926).—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Clauses 2 and 3 agreed to.

Clause 4 debated and postponed.

Clauses 5 and 6 agreed to.

Clause 7 debated and agreed to.

Clause 8 agreed to.

Clause 9 debated and agreed to.

Clause 10 debated and postponed.

Clauses 11 to 14 agreed to.

Clause 15 debated and agreed to.

Clause 16 agreed to.

Clause 17 debated—

Ordered—That the clause be considered in the following parts, viz. :—

From the beginning of the clause to proposed section 30H, inclusive.

Proposed sections 30J and 30K.

Proposed section 30L to the end of the clause.

Clause from the beginning to proposed section 30H, inclusive, debated and agreed to.

Proposed sections 30J and 30K debated.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

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

5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Norfolk Island Act—Ordinance of 1926—No. 2—Territorial Waters.

Papua Act—Ordinances of 1925—

No. 14—Immigration Restriction.

No. 15—Superannuation.

No. 16—Native Plantations.

Public Service Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1926, Nos. 8, 9, 10, 11

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

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

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—  
Mr. Anstey\*, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Robert Cook, Mr. Duncan-Hughes, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Lacey,  
Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Mahony, Mr. Marks, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Seabrook,  
and Mr. Thompson.

\* On leave.

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