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# THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## No. 92.

### VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MONDAY, 14TH MARCH, 1927.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Sir Littleton Groom) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS—REPORT.—Mr. Mackay, Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, brought up the following Report from the Committee:—  
Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed selection of a site and erection of a Wharf at Rabaul, New Guinea.  
Ordered to be printed.
3. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Commonwealth Bank Act—Commonwealth Bank of Australia—Aggregate Balance-sheet at 31st December, 1926, and Statement of the Liabilities and Assets of the Note Issue Department at 31st December, 1926; together with the Auditor-General's Reports thereon.  
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
New Guinea Act—Ordinances of 1927—  
No. 6—Native Administration.  
No. 7—Superannuation.  
No. 8—Judiciary.
4. STATES GRANTS BILL.—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.)

Clause 2—

Debate resumed on the amendment moved by Mr. Gregory, viz. :—That the word "twenty-nine" be inserted in place of the word omitted.

Question—That the word proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 21.		Noes, 28.	
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Edward Riley	Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Marks
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Marr
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Theodore	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Nott
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Forde	Mr. William Watson	Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Parsons
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Watt	Mr. Corser	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Gregory	Mr. West	Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Gullett		Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Hughes		Sir John Gellibrand	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Mann		Mr. Gibson	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Coleman	Mr. Hill	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Prowse	Mr. E. C. Riley	Mr. Hurry	
		Mr. Lister	<i>Tellers :</i>
		Mr. Mackay	Mr. Gardner
		Mr. Manning	Mr. Hunter

And so it was negatived.

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On the motion of Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer), the following amendment was made :—

Page 1, line 4, insert " twenty-seven " in place of the word omitted.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 3 omitted.

Clause 4—

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page, the following amendments were made, after debate :—

Page 1, lines 13-14, omit " In addition to the payments made under the last preceding section to the State of Western Australia,".

Page 1, line 15, omit " that State ", insert " the State of Western Australia ".

Page 1, at the end of the clause add the following sub-clause :—

" (2.) All sums paid to the State of Western Australia, during the period from the first day of July One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six to the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven, in pursuance of section five of the *Surplus Revenue Act 1910*, shall be deemed to have been payments made to that State in fulfilment of the obligations of the Commonwealth to that State under sub-section (1.) of this section in respect of that period."

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 5—

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page, the following amendments were made :—

Page 2, lines 1-2, omit " In addition to the payments made under section three of this Act to the State of Tasmania,".

Page 2, line 3, omit " that State ", insert " the State of Tasmania ".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 6—

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page, the following amendments were made, after debate :—

Page 2, line 7, omit " three ", insert " two ".

Page 2, line 8, after " States " insert " of the Commonwealth ".

Page 2, line 10, omit " each financial year ", insert " the financial year commencing on the first day of July One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven, and at the close of each financial year thereafter ".

Page 2, at the end of the clause add the following sub-clause :—

" (2.) For the purposes of this section, the number of the people of a State shall be deemed to be the number as ascertained according to the laws of the Commonwealth by the Commonwealth Statistician as at the thirty-first day of December in the financial year in respect of which a payment under this section is to be made to that State."

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 7—

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page, the clause was omitted, and the following new clause inserted in place thereof :—

" 7. Subject to the terms of any agreement made between the Commonwealth and all the States, and adopted by the Parliament, the Treasurer shall, during the financial year commencing on the first day of July One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven, make payments to each State, in equal monthly instalments, to the amount specified in the Schedule, opposite to the name of that State."

Clause 8—

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page, the following amendment was made :—

Page 2, line 18, omit " and advances ".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 9 agreed to.

Schedule—

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page, the Schedule was omitted, and the following new Schedule inserted in place thereof :—

" THE SCHEDULE.

New South Wales .. .. .	£2,978,343
Victoria .. .. .	2,152,615
Queensland .. .. .	1,131,646
South Australia .. .. .	721,269
Western Australia .. .. .	483,750
Tasmania .. .. .	267,367
	7,734,990 "

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page (the Standing Orders having been previously suspended, see page 166), the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Earle Page moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put.

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The House divided—

Ayes, 29.		Noes, 20.	
Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Marks	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Marr	Mr. Charlton	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Nott	Mr. Coleman	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Forde	Mr. Theodore
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Parsons	Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Gregory	Mr. Watt
Mr. Corser	Mr. Perkins	Mr. Gullett	Mr. West
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Pratten	Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Josiah Francis	Sir Granville Ryrie	Mr. Mann	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Seabrook	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Blakeley
Sir John Gellibrand	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Gibson			
Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers :</i>		
Mr. Hurry	Mr. Hunter		
Mr. Mackay	Mr. Lister		
Mr. Manning			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

5. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Transport in Australia—Report (Volume 1) by Sir George Buchanan on Transport in Australia with special reference to Port and Harbour Facilities.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—

Public Service Act—Public Service Regulations—Statutory Rules 1926, No. 212.

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

And then the House, at eighteen minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—  
Mr. Anstey, Mr. Malcolm Cameron, Mr. Grosvenor Francis, Mr. Albert Green, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Lacey, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Ley, Mr. Makin, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Yates.

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