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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

No. 111.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 19TH OCTOBER, 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. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

STONEHAVEN,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 77.

Bills intituled :—

“ *Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Act 1927-1928* ”,  
“ *Loan Act (No. 2) 1927* ”,

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Acts.

Canberra,  
18th October, 1927.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—ELECTORAL BILL (1927).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 100.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918-1925 ’* ” and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 14th October, 1927.

JOHN NEWLANDS,  
President.

Mr. Marr (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.

4. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Notice of intention to vary the plan of layout of the City of Canberra and its environs, dated 15th September, 1927.
5. COMMONWEALTH BANK (SAVINGS BANK) BILL.—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.

19th. October, 1927.

The House divided—

Ayes, 28.		Noes, 15.	
Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Lister	Mr. Anstey	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Bell	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marr	Mr. Charlton	Mr. West
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Nott	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Yates
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Lacey	
Mr. Corser	Mr. Parsons	Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Fenton
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Perkins	Mr. Edward Riley	Mr. Makin
Mr. Grosvenor Francis	Mr. Pratten	Mr. E. C. Riley	
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Prowse		
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Seabrook		
Sir John Gellibrand			
Mr. Gibson	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Hill	Mr. Hunter		
Mr. Hurry	Mr. Manning		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—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 debated.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Bayley, Mr. Blakeley, Mr. Bowden\*, Mr. Donald Cameron, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Forde, Mr. Albert Green, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Gullett, Sir Neville Howse\*, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Killen, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Latham, Mr. Ley\*, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Mann, Mr. Marks, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Parker Moloney, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Parkhill, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Watt.

\* On leave.

E. W. PARKES,  
Clerk-Assistant, House of Representatives.