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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

No. 114.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH 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. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
International Economic Conference, held at Geneva, May, 1927—Report of Australian Delegation.  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.  
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
National Debt Sinking Fund Act—National Debt Commission—Fourth Annual Report, for year ended 30th June, 1927.  
Ordered to be printed.  
Air Navigation Act—Investigation of Accidents Regulations—Statutory Rules 1927, No. 118.  
Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1927, Nos. 112, 114, 119.  
Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1927, No. 111.  
New Guinea Act—Ordinances of 1927—  
No. 27—Dangerous Drugs.  
No. 28—Coroners.  
No. 29—Districts Courts.  
No. 30—Supply (No. 2) 1927-28.  
No. 31—Expropriation.  
No. 32—Commissions of Inquiry.  
Public Service Act—Appointment of F. G. Burton, Postmaster-General's Department.  
Quarantine Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1927, No. 117.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 2, Government Business.
4. ELECTORAL BILL (1927).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. MAIR (Minister for Home and Territories) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time. Mr. Charlton 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 the next sitting.
5. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Theodore moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended to enable him to move, without notice, on the Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Commonwealth Bank (Savings Bank) Bill being read—  
That the Bill be referred to a Select Committee.  
Question—put and passed.

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## 6. COMMONWEALTH BANK (SAVINGS BANK) BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—

Mr. Theodore moved, That the Order of the Day be discharged and the Bill be referred to a Select Committee for the purpose of ascertaining the views of the Authorities of the Commonwealth Bank on the proposals contained in the Bill.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 18.		Noes, 33.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Killen
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Latham
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Theodore	Mr. Bell	Mr. Lister
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Lacey	Mr. West	Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Marr
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Yates	Mr. Corser	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Mann		Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Nott
Mr. McGrath	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Edward Riley	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Grosvenor Francis	Mr. Parsons
Mr. E. C. Riley	Mr. Makin	Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Perkins
		Sir John Gellibrand	Mr. Pratten
		Mr. Gibson	Mr. Prowse
		Mr. Gullett	Mr. Scabrook
		Mr. Hill	
		Sir Neville Howse	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Hughes	
		Mr. Hurry	Mr. Hunter
		Mr. Jackson	Mr. Manning

And so it was negatived.

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

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 further debated and agreed to.

Clause 2 debated and agreed to.

Clause 3 debated and agreed to.

Clause 4 debated—

Question—That the clause be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 30.		Noes, 17.	
Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Latham	Mr. Anstey	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Bell	Mr. Lister	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Theodore
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Marr	Mr. Coleman	Mr. West
Mr. Corser	Mr. Nott	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Yates
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Lacey	
Mr. Grosvenor Francis	Mr. Parsons	Mr. Makin	
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Perkins	Mr. McGrath	<i>Tellers:</i>
Sir John Gellibrand	Mr. Pratten	Mr. Edward Riley	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Prowse	Mr. E. C. Riley	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Scabrook		
Mr. Hill	Mr. William Watson		
Sir Neville Howse			
Mr. Hurry	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Hunter		
Mr. Killen	Mr. Manning		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause 5 debated and agreed to.

Clause 6 agreed to.

Clause 7—

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.

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7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.

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

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Bowden\*, Mr. Bruce, Mr. Donald Cameron, Mr. Forde, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Albert Green, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Ley\*, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Marks, Mr. Parker Moloney, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Parkhill, Mr. Thomas Paterson, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Watt.

\* On leave.

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