

1926-27.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

No. 116.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 28TH OCTOBER, 1927.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Sir Littleton Groom) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Nelson rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The exploitation of native labour in North Australia". Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—
Mr. Nelson moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put.
The House divided—

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Theodore
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Coleman	Mr. West
Mr. Lacey	Mr. Yates
Mr. W. Maloney	
Mr. Mathews	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. McGrath	
Mr. Edward Riley	Mr. Fenton
Mr. E. C. Riley	Mr. Lazzarini

Noes, 32.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Latham
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bell	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mann
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Marr
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Corser	Mr. Parsons
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Grosvenor Francis	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Prowse
Sir John Gellibrand	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Hill	Mr. Thompson
Sir Neville Howse	
Mr. Hurry	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Hunter
Sir Elliot Johnson	Mr. Manning

And so it was negatived.

3. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Industrial Delegation to United States of America—Report of the Industrial Delegation appointed by the Commonwealth Government to investigate the method employed in, and the working conditions associated with, the manufacturing industries of the United States.

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

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act—Statement for 1926-27.

Northern Australia Act—

Central Australia—Ordinance of 1927—No. 11—Medical.

North Australia—Ordinance of 1927—No. 11—Medical.

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4. WITHDRAWAL OF NOTICES OF MOTION.—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer), by leave, withdrew Notices of Motion Nos. 2, 3, and 4, Government Business, standing in his name, for leave to bring in—
 A Bill for an Act to repeal certain Acts relating to Estate Duty.
 A Bill for an Act to repeal certain Acts relating to Land Tax.
 A Bill for an Act to repeal certain Acts relating to Entertainments Tax.
5. STATEMENT BY MEMBER.—Mr. Perkins, by leave, made a statement in regard to a certain article in a newspaper.
6. NATIONALITY BILL (1927).—Mr. Marr (Minister for Home and Territories) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Nationality Act 1920–1925*.
 Question—put and passed.
 Mr. Marr then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it 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.
7. PORT AUGUSTA TO RED HILL RAILWAY 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.
 Mr. R. W. Foster, addressing the House, and 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 the next sitting.
8. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.
 Question—put and passed.
9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.
- And then the House, at twelve minutes to four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—
 Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Bruce, Mr. Donald Cameron, Mr. Duncan-Hughes, Mr. Forde, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Albert Green, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Gullett, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Killen, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Ley*, Mr. Makin, Mr. Marks, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Parker Moloney, Mr. Nott, Mr. Parkhill, Mr. Thomas Paterson, Mr. Rodgers, and Mr. Watt.

*On leave.

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