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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

No. 145.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY, 1928.

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. 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. 85.

Bills intituled :—

- " Land Tax Act 1927 "
- " Land Tax Assessment Act 1927 "
- " Income Tax Act 1927 "
- " Income Tax Assessment Act 1927 "
- " War Service Homes Agreement Act 1927 "
- " Maternity Allowance Act 1927 "
- " Commonwealth Housing Act 1927 "
- " Commonwealth Bank (Savings Bank) Act 1927 "
- " Wireless Agreement Act 1927 "
- " Iron and Steel Products Bounty Act 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.

Melbourne, 22nd December, 1927.

3. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—PRECEDENCE OF WANT OF CONFIDENCE MOTION.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended as will enable the Notice of Motion No. 1 (Want of Confidence in the Government) to take precedence of all other Business until disposed of.  
Question—put and passed.
4. WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT.—Mr. Charlton (Leader of the Opposition) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government is deserving of severe censure for its failure to adequately protect Australian industries and to limit migration to the nation's ability to absorb new arrivals, together with its neglect to formulate proposals to deal with unemployment.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Lazzarini, 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.

23rd February, 1928.

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

- Air Navigation Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1927, No. 148.  
 Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determination by the Arbitrator, &c.—No. 1 of 1928—  
 Federated Public Service Assistants' Association.  
 Audit Act—Treasury Regulations—Statutory Rules 1927, No. 158.  
 Census and Statistics Act—Statistics Regulations—Statutory Rules 1928, No. 3.  
 Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Commerce (Imports) Regulations—Statutory Rules  
 1927, No. 155.  
 Commonwealth Bank Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1928, No. 7.  
 Control of Naval Waters Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1927, No. 147.  
 Customs Act—Proclamation (dated 13th October, 1927) revoking Proclamation (dated 22nd  
 February, 1922) which prohibited the Exportation of Metals, Alloys and Minerals.  
 Defence Act—  
 Australian Military Regulations—Statutory Rules 1927, No. 149.  
 Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1927, No. 146.  
 Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at—  
 Hundred of Bagot, North Australia—For Quarantine Station purposes.  
 Sydenham, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.  
 Tuggeranong, Federal Territory—For Federal Capital purposes.  
 Meteorological Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1927, No. 129.  
 Nationality Act—Return for 1927.  
 Naval Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1928, Nos. 2, 6.  
 Norfolk Island Act—Ordinance of 1927—No. 6—Brands.  
 Northern Australia Act—  
 Central Australia—Encouragement of Primary Production Regulations.  
 North Australia—Encouragement of Primary Production Regulations.  
 Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1928, No. 1.  
 Papua Act—Ordinances of 1927—  
 No. 11—Natives (Non-Indentured Service).  
 No. 12—Distillation.  
 No. 13—Superannuation.  
 Post and Telegraph Act—  
 Postal Regulations—Statutory Rules 1927, No. 144.  
 Telegraph Regulations—Statutory Rules 1927, No. 142.  
 Telephone Regulations—Statutory Rules 1927, No. 145.  
 Power Alcohol Bounty Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1927, No. 136.  
 Public Service Act—  
 Appointments—  
 K. T. Fraser, Postmaster-General's Department.  
 A. Jackson, Department of Works and Railways.  
 C. E. Percival, Department of Works and Railways.  
 E. J. Phelan, Postmaster-General's Department.  
 J. Pitceathly, Department of Markets and Migration.  
 H. S. Roberts, Department of Health.  
 Regulations Amended—  
 Statutory Rules 1927, No. 140.  
 Statutory Rules 1928, No. 4.  
 Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—  
 Ordinance of 1927—No. 21—Real Property (No. 2).  
 Ordinance of 1928—No. 1—Provisional Government.  
 Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1927,  
 No. 133.  
 Spirits Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1927, No. 154.  
 Wireless Telegraphy Act—Regulation Amended—Statutory Rules 1927, No. 153.

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

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Anstey,  
 Mr. Grosvenor-Francis, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Lister, Mr. Parker Moloney, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Rodgers,  
 and Mr. Watt.

E. W. PARKES,  
 Clerk of the House of Representatives.