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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

No. 150.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH MARCH, 1928.

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. PAPER.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Bank Act—Commonwealth Bank of Australia—Aggregate Balance-sheet at 31st December, 1927, and Statement of the Liabilities and Assets of the Note Issue Department at 31st December, 1927 ; together with the Auditor-General's Reports thereon.
3. 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 construction of a North-Western Intercepting Sewer at Canberra.
Ordered to be printed.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
International Labour Organization of the League of Nations—Tenth Session, held at Geneva, 25th May to 16th June, 1927—Reports of the Australian Delegates.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
Financial Agreement between the Commonwealth and State Governments—Correspondence between the Prime Minister and the Premiers of the States.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Public Works Committee Act—Thirteenth General Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.
Ordered to be printed.
Cotton Bounty Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1928, No. 15.
Export Guarantee Act—Return showing Assistance granted up to 31st December, 1927.
Northern Australia Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1927, No. 83.
Public Service Act—Appointments—
Department—
Health—J. R. Garnet.
Home and Territories—C. W. Allen.
Works and Railways—
E. P. Bayliss, H. W. Crutch, and C. A. Skinner.
W. H. Knight and L. G. Weymouth.
J. C. Mackenzie.
Quarantine Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1928, No. 13.
Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance of 1928—No. 2—Standard Time.
Spirits Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1928, No. 14.
War Service Homes Act—Amendments to an arrangement between the War Service Homes Commissioner and the State of Western Australia.

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5. **ARBITRATION (PUBLIC SERVICE) BILL (1928).**—Mr. Latham (Attorney-General) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Arbitration (Public Service) Act 1920*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Latham 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.
6. **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH, SYDNEY.**—Mr. Hill (Minister for Works and Railways) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-21*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report, viz. :—Sydney—Erection of School of Public Health.
Mr. Hill having laid on the Table plan, &c., in connexion with the proposed work—
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
7. **FINANCIAL AGREEMENT 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 by Mr. Charlton, who concluded by moving, as an amendment, That all the words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof :—“the Bill, involving as it does an alteration of the Constitution, be postponed until Parliament has had an opportunity to discuss a comprehensive scheme of constitutional reform, including the evidence taken before the Royal Commission now sitting and its proposals when made.
Debate continued.
Mr. Fenton 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.
8. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Latham (Attorney-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty 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. Anstey, Mr. Bell, Mr. Blakeley, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Robert Cook, Mr. Josiah Francis, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Hughes, Sir Elliot Johnson, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Ley, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Pratten, Mr. Edward Riley, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Watt, and Mr. West.

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