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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

No. 154.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 15TH MARCH, 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 BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

STONEHAVEN,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 86.

A Bill intituled "*Arbitration (Public Service) Act 1928*," 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 Act.

Government House,  
Canberra, 14th March, 1928.

3. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Lazzarini 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 unjust and differential treatment meted out to Australian citizens for alleged breaches of Wireless Regulations".
- 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. Lazzarini moved, That the House do now adjourn.
- Debate ensued.
- Mr. Scullin addressing the House—
- Closure*.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the question be now put.
- Question—That the question be now put—put.
- The House divided—

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Lister
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Manning
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marks
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marr
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Nott
Mr. Grosvenor Francis	Mr. Parkhill
Sir John Gellibrand	Mr. Parsons
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Hill	
Sir Neville Howse	
Sir Elliot Johnson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Killen	Mr. Duncan-Hughes
Mr. Latham	Mr. Hunter

Noes, 17.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Theodore
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Yates
Mr. Forde	
Mr. Albert Green	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Fenton
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Makin
Mr. Mathews	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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And the question being accordingly put—That the House do now adjourn—  
The House divided—

Ayes, 17.		Noes, 32.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Latham
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. E. C. Riley	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Lister
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Theodore	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marks
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Yates	Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marr
Mr. Forde		Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Nott
Mr. Albert Green		Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Grosvenor Francis	Mr. Parsons
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Fenton	Sir John Gellibrand	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Makin	Mr. Gibson	Mr. Rodgers
		Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Seabrook
		Mr. Gregory	Mr. Stewart
		Mr. Gullett	Mr. Thompson
		Mr. Hill	
		Sir Neville Howse	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Sir Elliot Johnson	Mr. Hunter
		Mr. Killen	Mr. Manning

And so it was negatived.

4. **DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.**—Mr. Speaker informed the House that, as a highly distinguished Australian airman in the person of Captain Herbert Hinkler, A.F.C., was in the precincts of the House, he proposed, with the concurrence of honorable Members, to invite him to take a seat upon the floor of the House. Captain Hinkler was thereupon provided with a seat on the floor of the House.
5. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1928, Nos. 17, 19.  
Naval Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1928, No. 18.  
Northern Australia Act—  
Central Australia—Ordinance of 1928—No. 1—Licensing.  
North Australia—Ordinance of 1928—No. 1—Licensing.
6. **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—and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Charlton, viz. :—That all the words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words :—“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 resumed.  
Mr. Latham (Attorney-General) addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257A—the honorable Member was given leave to continue his speech.  
Mr. Scullin 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.
7. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinances of 1928—  
No. 3—Trespass on Commonwealth Lands.  
No. 4—Apiaries.  
No. 5—Methodist Church Property.  
No. 6—Industrial Board.
8. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Latham (Attorney-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eight 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. Bell, Mr. Robert Cook, Mr. Corser, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Josiah Francis, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Hurry, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Lacey, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Ley, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Thomas Paterson, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Pratten, Mr. Edward Riley, Mr. Watt, and Mr. West.

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