THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA, CANBERRA.

No. 163.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 26TH APRIL, 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. Leader of Opposition.—Mr. Scullin, by leave, made a Statement informing the House that he had been appointed Leader of the Opposition, and that Mr. Blakeley had been appointed Deputy-Leader.
- 3. Paper.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Commonwealth Film Censorship—Report for year 1927.

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

4. Dried Fruits 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. Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

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

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2-

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Duncan-Hughes reported accordingly. Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

5. League of Nations—Eighth Assembly—Report of Australian Delegation—Printing of Paper.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Latham (Attorney-General), That the Paper [presented on the 30th November last], viz.:—

League of Nations—Eighth Assembly—Report of Australian Delegation—

be printed-

Debate resumed.

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.

6. League of Nations—Seventh Assembly—Report of Australian Delegation—Printing of Paper.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Latham (Attorney-General), That the Paper [presented on the 15th March, 1927], viz.:—

League of Nations-Seventh Assembly-Report of Australian Delegation-

be printed-

Question—put and passed.

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7. Moving-Picture Industry in Australia—Report of the Royal Commission—Printing of Paper.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Pratten (Minister for Trade and Customs), That the Paper [presented on the 24th instant], viz.:—

Moving-Picture Industry in Australia—Report of the Royal Commission—be printed—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Forde 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. W. Maloney 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. Pratten (Minister for Trade and Customs) 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. Bell, Mr. Bowden, Mr. R. W. Foster, Sir John Gellibrand, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hurry, Mr. Killen, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Ley, Mr. Rodgers, and Mr. Watt.

E. W. PARKES,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.