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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

No. 191.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 29TH AUGUST, 1928.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., according to the terms of the Resolution of the 14th June last.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Sir Littleton Groom) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. RETURN TO WRIT (MARTIN DIVISION).—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a Return to the Writ which he had issued on the 24th May last for the Election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Martin, in the State of New South Wales, in the place of the Honorable Herbert Edward Pratten, deceased, and that by the indorsement on the Writ it appeared that Frederick Graham Pratten, Junior, had been elected in pursuance of the said Writ.
3. MEMBER SWORN.—Frederick Graham Pratten, Junior, Esquire, was introduced, and made and subscribed the Oath required by law.
4. DEATH OF MEMBER AND ISSUE OF WRIT (WIDE BAY DIVISION).—Mr. Speaker announced, with deep regret, the death, on the 31st July, of the honorable Member for Wide Bay (Mr. Edward Bernard Cresset Corser), and informed the House that he had, on the 17th August, issued a Writ for the Election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Wide Bay, in the State of Queensland, in the place of the deceased gentleman. The dates in connexion with the Election were fixed as follows :—

Date of Issue of Writ	..	..	..	Friday, 17th August, 1928.
Date of Nomination	..	..	..	Monday, 3rd September, 1928.
Date of Polling	..	..	..	Saturday, 22nd September, 1928.
Date of Return of Writ	..	..	..	On or before Tuesday, 9th October, 1928.
5. DEATH OF MEMBER (MR. E. B. C. CORSER).—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That this House places on record its deep regret in the death of Mr. Edward Bernard Cresset Corser, Member of the House of Representatives for the Division of Wide Bay, and expresses its appreciation of the loyalty and ability with which he devoted himself to his public duties, and tenders its deepest sympathy to his family in their great loss.
And Mr. Scullin (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and all Members present having risen in silence—
Question—passed.
Resolved—That Mr. Speaker be requested to transmit to the family of the late Mr. Corser the foregoing Resolution, and a copy of the speeches delivered thereon.
6. DEATH OF SENATOR GIVENS.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister), having announced, with deep regret, the death, on the 19th June last, of Senator the Honorable Thomas Givens, moved, by leave, That this House expresses its sincere regret at the death of Senator the Honorable Thomas Givens, and places on record its high appreciation of his distinguished public service, and tenders its deep sympathy to his widow and family in their sad bereavement.
And Mr. Scullin (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and all Members present having risen in silence—
Question—passed.
Resolved—That Mr. Speaker be requested to transmit to Mrs. Givens the foregoing Resolution, and a copy of the speeches delivered thereon.
7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister), as a mark of respect to the memory of the late honorable gentlemen, then moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seventeen minutes past three 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. Bayley, Mr. Donald Cameron, Mr. Malcolm Cameron, Mr. Grosvenor Francis, Mr. Albert Green, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Marks, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Nott, Mr. Prowse, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Watt.

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