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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
CANBERRA.

No. 204.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER, 1928.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Sir Littleton Groom) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Federal Capital Commission—Report for quarter ended 30th June, 1928.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act—Report of the Repatriation Commission for the year ended 30th June, 1928.
Superannuation Act—Sixth Report of the Superannuation Fund Management Board, 1927-28.
Severally ordered to be printed.
3. TRANSPORT WORKERS BILL.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to Employment in relation to Trade and Commerce with other Countries and among the States.
Debate ensued.
Question—put.
The House divided—

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Hurry
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Killen
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Latham
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Lister
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marr
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Nott
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Parsons
Sir John Gellibrand	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Graham Pratten
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Gregory	
Mr. Gullett	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hill	Mr. Hunter
Sir Neville Howse	Mr. Manning

Noes, 15.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Brennan	Mr. West
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Yates
Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. W. Maloney	
Mr. McGrath	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Edward Riley	Mr. Fenton
Mr. E. C. Riley	Mr. Makin

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Bruce then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put.

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The House divided—

Ayes, 32.	
Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Hurry
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Killen
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Latham
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Lister
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marr
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Nott
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Parsons
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Mr. Anstey	Mr. Scullin
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Mr. W. Maloney	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. McGrath	
Mr. Edward Riley	Mr. Fenton
Mr. E. C. Riley	Mr. Makin

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Bruce asked leave of the House to move, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Objection being raised, leave not granted.

4. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—LEAVE TO MAKE NOT GRANTED.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) asked leave to make a Ministerial Statement in regard to the Business of the House.
Objection being raised, leave not granted.
5. SUPPLY [BUDGET DEBATE AND ESTIMATES 1928-29].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

General debate resumed on the question (see page 628), That the first item in the Estimates, under Division I.—The Parliament—namely—

The President £1,300

be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

Remainder of the Vote—"The Parliament, £77,958"—agreed to.

Vote—"The Prime Minister's Department, £361,020"—

Ordered—That the Vote be considered by Divisions.

Division No. 9, Administrative, £50,925, debated.

Mr. Blakeley moved, as an amendment, That the Item "Liaison Officer (London), £906", be omitted.
Debate continued.

Question—That the Item proposed to be omitted be so omitted—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 15.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Brennan	Mr. West
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Yates
Mr. Makin	
Mr. W. Maloney	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. McGrath	
Mr. Edward Riley	Mr. Fenton
Mr. E. C. Riley	Mr. Albert Green

Noes, 30.	
Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Killen
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Latham
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Lister
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marr
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Nott
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Parsons
Sir John Gellibrand	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Graham Pratten
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Gullett	
Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers:</i>
Sir Neville Howse	Mr. Hunter
Mr. Hurry	Mr. Manning

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Blakeley moved, as an amendment, That the Item "Commercial Agency—Paris, £975," be omitted.

Question—That the Item proposed to be omitted be so omitted—put and negatived.

Division agreed to.

Division No. 10, Audit Office, £52,023, agreed to.

Division No. 11, Public Service Board, £47,249, debated and agreed to.

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Division No. 12, Governor-General's Office, £5,015—

Mr. Scullin moved, as an amendment, That the Item " Allowance to Governor-General for residence at Canberra, £2,000 ", be omitted.

Question—That the Item proposed to be omitted be so omitted—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Brennan	Mr. West
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Yates
Mr. Makin	
Mr. W. Maloney	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. McGrath	
Mr. Edward Riley	Mr. Fenton
Mr. E. C. Riley	Mr. Albert Green

Noes, 29.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Latham
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marr
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Nott
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Parsons
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Perkins
Sir John Gellibrand	Mr. Graham Pratten
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Gullett	
Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers:</i>
Sir Neville Howse	
Mr. Hurry	Mr. Hunter
Mr. Killen	Mr. Manning

And so it was negatived.

Division agreed to.

Division No. 13, High Commissioner's Office, £62,364—

Mr. Edward Riley moved, as an amendment, That the Item " Financial Adviser to the High Commissioner, £2,000 ", be omitted.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the Item proposed to be omitted be so omitted—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Coleman	Mr. West
Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. Makin	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. W. Maloney	
Mr. McGrath	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Edward Riley	Mr. Yates

Noes, 29.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Latham
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marr
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Nott
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Parsons
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Perkins
Sir John Gellibrand	Mr. Graham Pratten
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Gullett	
Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers:</i>
Sir Neville Howse	
Mr. Hurry	Mr. Hunter
Mr. Killen	Mr. Manning

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Fenton moved, as an amendment, That the Item " Allowance to High Commissioner for expenses of official residence, £2,000 ", be omitted.

Question—That the Item proposed to be omitted be so omitted—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Brennan	Mr. West
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Yates
Mr. Makin	
Mr. W. Maloney	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. McGrath	
Mr. Edward Riley	Mr. Coleman
Mr. E. C. Riley	Mr. Fenton

Noes, 29.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Killen
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Latham
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Lister
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marr
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Nott
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Parsons
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Perkins
Sir John Gellibrand	Mr. Graham Pratten
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Roland Green	
Mr. Gullett	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hill	
Sir Neville Howse	Mr. Hunter
Mr. Hurry	Mr. Manning

And so it was negatived.

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Division agreed to.

Division No. 14, Australian Commissioner in United States of America, £10,881—

Mr. Brennan moved, as an amendment, That the Item " Commissioner, £3,000 ", be omitted.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the Item proposed to be omitted be so omitted—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 12.		Noes, 31.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Killen
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Latham
Mr. Brennan	Mr. West	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Lister
Mr. Coleman		Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marr
Mr. Albert Green	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Makin	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Nott
Mr. Edward Riley	Mr. E. C. Riley	Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Earle Page
		Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Parkhill
		Mr. Gardner	Mr. Parsons
		Sir John Gellibrand	Mr. Perkins
		Mr. Gibson	Mr. Graham Pratten
		Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Thompson
		Mr. Gregory	
		Mr. Gullett	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Hill	Mr. Hunter
		Sir Neville Howse	Mr. Manning
		Mr. Hurry	

And so it was negatived.

Division agreed to.

Division No. 15, Council of Defence, £25, debated and agreed to.

Division No. 16, Commonwealth Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, £4,920, agreed to.

Division No. 17, Development and Migration Commission, £127,618—

Mr. Blakeley moved, as an amendment, That the Item " Australian Organization—Salaries (excepting salaries of Commissioners), administrative and other expenses, including office requisites, travelling expenses, publicity material and freight thereon, £42,093 ", be reduced by £4,000.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the Item proposed to be reduced be so reduced—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 13.		Noes, 31.	
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Killen
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Latham
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. West	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Lister
Mr. Makin		Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marr
Mr. W. Maloney	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. McGrath	Mr. Coleman	Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Nott
Mr. Edward Riley	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. E. C. Riley		Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Parkhill
		Mr. Gardner	Mr. Parsons
		Sir John Gellibrand	Mr. Perkins
		Mr. Gibson	Mr. Graham Pratten
		Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Thompson
		Mr. Gregory	
		Mr. Gullett	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Hill	Mr. Hunter
		Sir Neville Howse	Mr. Manning
		Mr. Hurry	

And so it was negatived.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. TRANSPORT WORKERS BILL.—Ordered—That the second reading of the Transport Workers Bill be made an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.
7. SUPPLY [ESTIMATES 1928-29].—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Vote—" The Prime Minister's Department, £361,020 "—

Division No. 17, Development and Migration Commission, £127,618, further considered.

Mr. Makin moved, as an amendment, That the amount be reduced by £50,000.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amount proposed to be reduced be so reduced—put.

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The Committee divided—

Ayes, 13.		Noes, 31.	
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Killen
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Latham
Mr. Coleman	Mr. West	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Lister
Mr. Albert Green		Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marr
Mr. Makin	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. W. Maloney		Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Nott
Mr. McGrath	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Edward Riley	Mr. E. C. Riley	Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Parkhill
		Mr. Gardner	Mr. Parsons
		Sir John Gellibrand	Mr. Perkins
		Mr. Gibson	Mr. Graham Pratten
		Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Thompson
		Mr. Gregory	
		Mr. Gullett	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Hill	
		Sir Neville Howse	Mr. Hunter
		Mr. Hurry	Mr. Manning

And so it was negatived.

Division agreed to.

Progress to be reported and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SEAT OF GOVERNMENT (ADMINISTRATION) BILL (1928).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 164.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1924–1926’*,” and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendment indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

JOHN NEWLANDS,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 20th September, 1928.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Bell, Mr. Malcolm Cameron, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Forde, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Grosvenor Francis, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jackson, Sir Elliot Johnson, Mr. Lacey, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Ley, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Mann, Mr. Marks, Mr. Parker Moloney, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Thomas Paterson, Mr. Prowse, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Seabrook, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Theodore, Mr. William Watson, and Mr. Watt.

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