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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

No. 3.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 8TH FEBRUARY, 1929.

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. MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE—LEAVE TO MOVE NOT GRANTED.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) asked leave of the House to move a Motion, without notice. Objection being raised, leave not granted.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 - Canberra—Administrative Building Foundations—Final Report of Enquiry by Committee of Experts.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
 - Central and North Australia—Report by J. W. Bleakley, Chief Protector of Aborigines, Queensland, on the aborigines and half-castes.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
4. SUPPLY.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister), in accordance with Standing Order No. 240, moved, That the House will, at the next sitting, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
5. WAYS AND MEANS.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister), in accordance with Standing Order No. 240, moved, That the House will, at the next sitting, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.
Question—put and passed.
6. LEAGUE OF NATIONS—NINTH ASSEMBLY—REPORT OF AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION—PRINTING OF PAPER.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) laid upon the Table, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, the Report of the Australian Delegation to the Ninth Assembly of the League of Nations (3rd September to 26th September, 1928), and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Mr. Coleman 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 a later hour this day.
7. LEAGUE OF NATIONS—NINTH 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. Bruce (Prime Minister), That the Paper [*see previous entry*], viz. :—
League of Nations—Ninth Assembly—Report of Australian Delegation—
be printed—
Debate resumed.
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.

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8. **TARIFF BOARD BILL (1929).**—Mr. Gullett (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Tariff Board Act 1921-1924*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Gullett 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.
Mr. Gullett moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
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.
9. **FINANCIAL AGREEMENT VALIDATION BILL.**—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to validate an Agreement made the twelfth day of December One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven between the Commonwealth of Australia of the first part and the States of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania of the second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh parts respectively.
Question—put and passed.
10. **PRINCE OF WALES—VISIT TO BRITISH COAL FIELDS.**—Mr. Anstey moved, pursuant to notice, That this House expresses its gratification at the courage of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, in visiting the poverty-stricken areas of the coal districts of Northern England, appreciates his broad humanitarianism, and regrets to hear that 300,000 men, women and children of Great Britain are 'confronted' with want, misery, desolation and death, that six families are living in one hovel, that men are only earning 38s. for sixteen shifts of work, and this House shares the horror of His Royal Highness at such conditions, and expresses its determination that such conditions shall never prevail in Australia.
Debate ensued.
Closure.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the question be now put.
Question—That the question be now put—put.
The House divided—

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Latham
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Mann
Mr. Bell	Mr. Marks
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Marr
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Collins	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Parsons
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Graham Pratten
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Hill	Mr. Stewart
Sir Neville Howse	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Hurry	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Josiah Francis
Mr. Killen	Mr. Hunter

Noes, 30.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Beasley	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Price
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Coleman	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Culley	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Theodore
Mr. Forde	Mr. Tully
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Watkins
Mr. James	Mr. West
Mr. Jones	Mr. Yates
Mr. Lacey	
Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Long	Mr. Fenton
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Makin

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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And so it was negatived.

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11. ACTS INTERPRETATION BILL (1929).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—
Mr. Latham (Attorney-General) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Brennan 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.
12. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Federal Capital Commission—Report for quarter ended 30th September, 1928.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Bank Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1929, No. 10.
Defence Act—Royal Military College—Report for year 1927-28.
Treaty of Peace (Germany) Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1929, No. 8.
13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at five minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—
Mr. Donald Cameron, Mr. Grosvenor Francis, Mr. Martens, and Mr. Watt.

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