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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

No. 4.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH FEBRUARY, 1929.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Sir Littleton Groom, took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MEMBER SWORN.—George William Martens, Esquire, made and subscribed the Oath required by law.
3. ILLNESS OF HIS MAJESTY THE KING—RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY—ACKNOWLEDGMENT.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that His Excellency the Governor-General had received the following cablegram from the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs:—

London, 11th February.

Your telegram of the 7th February containing terms of a resolution adopted by the House of Representatives has been laid before Her Majesty the Queen who is much touched by this expression of sympathy and desires on behalf of the King that an expression of her grateful appreciation may be conveyed to the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO PROPOSED LAW.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

STONEHAVEN,

Governor-General.

Message No. 1.

A Proposed Law intituled "An Act to alter the Constitution by inserting therein further Provisions relating to the public debts of the States and the borrowing of money by the Commonwealth and the States," as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented, under section 128 of the Constitution, to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Law.

Government House,
Canberra, 13th February, 1929.

5. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS IN REPLY.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) informed the House that the Address in Reply would be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General, at Government House, at a quarter past ten o'clock a.m. to-morrow.
Mr. Speaker said he would be glad if the mover and seconder, together with other honorable Members, would accompany him to present the Address.
6. ARBITRATION (PUBLIC SERVICE) ACT—DETERMINATIONS BY ARBITRATOR—MOTION FOR PRINTING OF PAPER.—Mr. Coleman moved, That Arbitration (Public Service) Act Determinations by the Arbitrator Nos. 33, 34, 35 and 36 of 1928, laid upon the Table of the House of Representatives on the 7th instant, be printed.

Point of Order—Speaker's Ruling.—A Point of Order having been raised as to whether a private Member could move for the printing of a Paper laid upon the Table of the House by a Minister—

Mr. Speaker ruled that Standing Order No. 322 allowed any Member to move, at any time, that a Paper which has been laid upon the Table be printed.

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Mr. Coleman addressing the House—

Closure of Member.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the honorable Member be not further heard.

Question—That the honorable Member be not further heard—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 36.

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

Noes, 34.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Beasley	Mr. McWilliams
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. Stewart
Mr. Forde	Mr. Theodore
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Tully
Mr. James	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Jones	Mr. West
Mr. Lacey	Mr. Yates
Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Long	
Mr. W. Maloney	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Mann	
Mr. Martens	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Makin

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Scullin rising to address the House—

Closure moved.—Mr. Bruce moved, That the question be now put.

Point of Order—Speaker's Ruling.—A Point of Order having been raised as to whether the Closure could be moved before the motion had been seconded—

Mr. Speaker ruled that until the Motion had been seconded it was not in possession of the House, and the Closure could not be moved until the question had been proposed from the Chair. The Leader of the Opposition had risen to second the motion, and was entitled to give reasons for so doing.

Point of Order—Speaker's Ruling.—Mr. Bruce, addressing the House, and stating that in the opinion of the Government the Public Service Arbitrator had made a mistake in making such a Determination, and a Point of Order having been raised as to whether the Prime Minister was in order in reflecting upon the Public Service Arbitrator or his Determination—

Mr. Speaker ruled that, while a Member must not reflect upon a member of the judiciary, the House had the right to criticize any judgment.

Debate continued.

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 35.

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Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Parsons
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Mr. Gibson	Mr. Graham Pratten
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Hill	
Sir Neville Howse	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Hurry	
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Hunter
Mr. Killen	Mr. Perkins

The number for the "Ayes" and the "Noes" being equal, Mr. Speaker, in order to give an opportunity for further consideration of the matter in the House, gave his casting vote with the "Noes".

And so it was negatived.

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7. TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES.—The following Warrant, nominating Temporary Chairmen of Committees, pursuant to Standing Order No. 25, was laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker :—

The Parliament of the Commonwealth.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order numbered 25, I do hereby nominate—

Geoffry Hurry, Esquire,
Norman John Oswald Makin, Esquire,
John Henry Prowse, Esquire, and
The Honorable David Watkins,

to act as Temporary Chairmen of Committees when requested so to do by the Chairman of Committees.

Given under my hand this thirteenth day of February, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine.

LITTLETON E. GROOM,

Speaker.

It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the Orders of the Day were called on, in accordance with Standing Order No. 119.

8. ACTS INTERPRETATION BILL (1929).—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.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Latham (Attorney-General), the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Latham asked leave to move, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

Ordered—That the third reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

9. TARIFF BOARD BILL (1929).—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.

Mr. Parsons addressing the House and not having concluded his speech—the House ordered that the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the remaining Orders of the Day be postponed until after the consideration of Notices of Motion.

11. ORDER OF BUSINESS.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, Government Business shall, on each day of sitting, have precedence of all other Business, except on that Thursday on which, under the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the question is put “ That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.” On such Thursday General Business shall have precedence of Government Business until nine o'clock p.m.

Question—put and passed.

12. TRANSPORT WORKERS BILL (1929).—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Transport Workers Act 1928*.

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.

13. ECONOMIC RESEARCH BILL.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to the Establishment of a Bureau of Economic Research.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Bruce 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.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

14. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT ACCEPTANCE BILL (1929).—Mr. Latham (Attorney-General) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to the Administration of the Estates of Deceased Persons in the Territory for the Seat of Government.

Question—put and passed.

15. DRIED FRUITS EXPORT CHARGES BILL (1929).—Mr. Thomas Paterson (Minister for Markets and Transport) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Dried Fruits Export Charges Act 1924–1927*.

Question—put and passed.

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16. DAIRY PRODUCE EXPORT CHARGES BILL (1929).—Mr. Thomas Paterson (Minister for Markets and Transport) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Dairy Produce Export Charges Act 1924*.
Question—put and passed.
17. CANNED FRUITS EXPORT CHARGES BILL (1929).—Mr. Thomas Paterson (Minister for Markets and Transport) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Canned Fruits Export Charges Act 1926*.
Question—put and passed.
18. SOLAR OBSERVATORY FUND BILL.—Mr. Aubrey Abbott (Minister for Home Affairs) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide a Fund for the Establishment and Endowment of a Solar Observatory in the Territory for the Seat of Government of the Commonwealth.
Question—put and passed.
19. AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF ANATOMY AGREEMENT BILL.—Mr. Aubrey Abbott (Minister for Home Affairs) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to ratify and approve an Agreement made between the Commonwealth of Australia and William Colin MacKenzie, Esquire, Doctor of Medicine, and for other purposes.
Question—put and passed.
20. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT ACCEPTANCE BILL (1929).—Mr. Latham (Attorney-General), pursuant to leave given this day, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to the Administration of the Estates of Deceased Persons in the Territory for the Seat of Government*", and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
21. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Housing Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1929, No. 11.
Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1929, No. 9.
New Guinea Act—Ordinance of 1929—No. 1—Explosives.
Public Service Act—Appointment of R. G. Osborne, Attorney-General's Department.
Treaty of Peace (Germany) Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1929, No. 7.
22. ADJOURNMENT MOTION.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
23. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Development and Migration Commission—Investigation into present position of Tasmania—
Fifth Interim Report (Internal Transport), with Appendices.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
24. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at thirteen minutes to eleven 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. Bell, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Donald Cameron, and Mr. Watt.

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