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# THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA, CANBERRA.

No. 10.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH 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. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

STONEHAVEN,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 3.

A Proposed Law intituled "*Commonwealth Electoral Act 1929*," as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented 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, 25th February, 1929.

3. RETURN TO COPY WRIT (NORTHERN TERRITORY).—The Clerk announced that he had received from the Acting-Clerk to His Excellency the Governor-General a copy of the original Writ for the Northern Territory, issued in connexion with the General Election of the House of Representatives which, for the Election of a Member for the Northern Territory, was held on 8th December, 1928, and that, by the certificate of indorsement notifying the telegraphed result of the election on such Copy Writ, it appeared that Harold George Nelson had been elected in pursuance of the original Writ issued on 9th October, 1928.
  4. MEMBER SWORN.—Harold George Nelson, Esquire, made and subscribed the Oath required by law.
  5. THE LATE HONORABLE HENRY BOURNES HIGGINS.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received from Mrs. Higgins, widow of the late Honorable Henry Bournes Higgins, a letter thanking the House for its resolution of sympathy.
  6. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Lacey rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The necessity for the immediate construction of the Red Hill—Port Augusta Railway."
- Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—Mr. Lacey moved, That the House do now adjourn.
- Debate ensued.

It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 119, and the Business of the Day was called on.

7. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Land Tax Assessment Act—Applications for Relief from Taxation during the year 1928.  
Public Service Act—Attorney-General's Department—Appointments of E. R. Avdall and C. P. Healy.
8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION BILL (1929).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 6.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act relating to Compensation to Employees of the Commonwealth for Injuries suffered in the course of their Employment*," and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 22nd February, 1929.

JOHN NEWLANDS,  
President.

Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message 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.

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9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 7 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 8.
10. WINE OVERSEAS MARKETING BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Thomas Paterson (Minister for Markets and Transport) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Mr. Price 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.
11. TRANSPORT WORKERS BILL (1929).—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 further considered.

*Member named.*—The Chairman (Mr. Bayley) named the honorable Member for Hindmarsh (Mr. Makin) for reflecting upon the Chair.

Mr. Latham (Attorney-General) having addressed the Committee, and Mr. Makin having expressed his regret, the matter was not further proceeded with.

Debate continued.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 2—

Mr. Yates moved, as an amendment, That the words "a date to be fixed by Proclamation" be omitted with a view to the insertion of the words "the first day of January, 1931" in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Question—That the clause be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Killen
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Latham
Mr. Bell	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mann
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marks
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Marr
Mr. Collins	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Grosvenor Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Graham Pratten
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Gullett	
Mr. Hill	
Sir Neville Howse	
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Hurry	
Mr. Jackson	

Tellers:

Mr. Hunter  
Mr. Perkins

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Mr. Anstey	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Price
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Chifley	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Culley	Mr. Theodore
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Tully
Mr. Forde	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. West
Mr. James	Mr. Yates
Mr. Jones	
Mr. Lacey	
Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Long	
Mr. Martens	

Tellers:

Mr. Fenton  
Mr. Makin

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clauses 3 to 7 agreed to.

Clause 8—

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.

12. 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. Blakeley 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.
13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at half-past ten 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. Maxwell, Mr. Parsons, and Mr. Watt.

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