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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

No. 23.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 19TH MARCH, 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. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS—REPORT.—Mr. Malcolm Cameron, Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, brought up the following Report from the Committee :—  
Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed construction of Buildings for the Institute of Anatomy at Canberra.

Ordered to be printed.

3. PRINTING COMMITTEE—FIRST REPORT FROM.—Mr. Mann, for the Chairman, brought up the First Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate).

The Report was read by the Clerk, as follows :—

## REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honor to report that they have met in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, recommend that the following be printed :—

International Labour Organization of the League of Nations—Eleventh Session, held at Geneva, May–June, 1928—

Report of the Australian Government Delegate.

Report of the Australian Employers' Delegate.

Report of the Australian Workers' Delegate.

British Economic Mission nominated by His Majesty's Government in Great Britain at the request of the Commonwealth Government—Report, dated 7th January, 1929.

Canberra—Administrative Building Foundations—Interim Report by Committee of Experts—Final Report of Enquiry by Committee of Experts.

Export Guarantee Act—Return showing assistance granted to—

30th September, 1928.

31st December, 1928.

International Radio-telegraph Congress—Held at Washington in October–November, 1927—Report of the Australian Delegate.

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E. A. MANN,  
for Chairman.

Mr. Mann moved, That the Report be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

4. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Brennan 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 consent given by the Treasurer, on behalf of the Government, to the amendment of Rules drawn by the Directors of the Commonwealth Bank, by virtue of which amendment a pension of £1,000 per annum, subsidized from public funds and not provided for by Statute, was secured to Mr. James Kell, formerly Governor of the Bank, which pension is continued payable to that officer whilst he is engaged in work competitive with the operations of the Bank".

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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. Brennan moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Price
Mr. Brennan	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Stewart
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	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Long	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Martens	Mr. Makin

Noes, 35.

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

And so it was negatived.

- ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until eleven o'clock a.m. to-morrow.  
Question—put and passed.
- WAR SERVICE HOMES BILL (1929).—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. E. C. Riley 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.
- DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The following Order of the Day—Wine Grapes Charges Bill—further consideration, in Committee, was called on, and, on the motion of Mr. Thomas Paterson (Minister for Markets and Transport), was discharged.
- WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION—WINE GRAPES CHARGES BILL (No. 2).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Thomas Paterson (Minister for Markets and Transport) moved—

- That, subject to a lower charge being prescribed by regulations made, and to exemptions allowed under order made, under the Act passed to give effect to this resolution, a charge at the rate of Five shillings per ton be imposed on all grapes which are, after a date to be fixed by Proclamation under that Act, delivered for use in the manufacture of wine, including the making of spirit for the purpose of fortifying wine, to a winery or distillery which handles not less than ten tons of grapes for such use during the year in respect of which the charge is imposed.
- That the charge imposed in pursuance of this resolution shall cease to be imposed upon a date fixed by Proclamation under the Act passed to give effect to this resolution as the date upon which that Act shall cease to be in force.

Question—put and passed.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Hurry reported accordingly.

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

Mr. Thomas Paterson moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Thomas Paterson, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Thomas Paterson and Mr. Bruce do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Thomas Paterson 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. Thomas Paterson moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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.

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(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.  
 Clause 3 debated and agreed to.  
 Clauses 4 to 6 agreed to.  
 Title agreed to.  
 Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.  
 On the motion of Mr. Thomas Paterson, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

9. ECONOMIC RESEARCH BILL—DECLARATION AS URGENT BILL—LIMITATION OF DEBATE.—On the calling on of the Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the second reading of the Economic Research Bill—

Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) having declared that the Bill was an Urgent Bill—  
 Question—That the Bill be considered an Urgent Bill—put and passed.

Mr. Bruce then moved, That the time allotted in connexion with the Bill be as follows:—

- (a) For the second reading of the Bill, until 10.45 p.m. this day.
- (b) For the Committee stage of the Bill, until 2.45 p.m. on Wednesday, 20th March.
- (c) For the remaining stages of the Bill, until 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 20th March.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 34.

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

Noes, 28.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Martens
Mr. Beasley	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Parker Moloney
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	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Long	Mr. Makin

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Debate resumed on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Scullin moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word "That" be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following:—"in view of the meagre information available as to the nature and extent of the investigations to be made and the financial obligations that would be involved, and, further, in view of the heavy and increasing cost of existing boards and bureaux, the Bill to establish a Bureau of Economic Research should not be proceeded with".

Debate continued.

*Limitation of Debate.*—At fifteen minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted had expired—

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 36.

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

Noes, 30.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Martens
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. Mann	Mr. Makin

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Further question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put.  
The House divided—

Ayes, 36.		Noes, 30.	
Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Killen	Mr. Anstey	Mr. Martens
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Latham	Mr. Beasley	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Bell	Mr. Lister	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Price
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marks	Mr. Chifley	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marr	Mr. Coleman	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Culley	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Collins	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Theodore
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Forde	Mr. Tully
Mr. Grosvenor Francis	Mr. Parkhill	Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Parsons	Mr. James	Mr. West
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Jones	Mr. Yates
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Graham Pratten	Mr. Lacey	
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Rodgers	Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Long	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Gullett		Mr. Mann	Mr. Makin
Sir Neville Howse	<i>Tellers :</i>		
Mr. Hurry	Mr. Hunter		
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Perkins		

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2—

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

The House resumed; Mr. Hurry reported accordingly.

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

10. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Defence Act, Naval Defence Act and Air Force Act—Defence Committee Regulations—  
Statutory Rules 1929, No. 26.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at Woodside, South Australia—For Defence purposes.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at one minute to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bayley, Mr. Hill, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Prowse, and Mr. Watt.

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