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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

No. 5.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH NOVEMBER, 1929.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Norman J. O. Makin) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS IN REPLY.—Mr. Speaker reported that, accompanied by honorable Members, he had waited that day upon His Excellency the Governor-General at Government House, and had presented to him the Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech on the Opening of Parliament, agreed to by the House on the 21st instant, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make the following reply :—
Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen—
I receive with much pleasure the Address which has been adopted by the House of Representatives in reply to the Speech which I delivered on the occasion of the Opening of the First Session of the Twelfth Parliament of the Commonwealth, and I thank you for your expression of loyalty to His Majesty the King.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
National Debt Sinking Fund Act—National Debt Commission—Sixth Annual Report, for year ended 30th June, 1929.
War Service Homes Act—Report of the War Service Homes Commission, for year ended 30th June, 1929, together with Statements and Balance-sheet.
Severally ordered to be printed.
4. SOUTH AUSTRALIA GRANT BILL.—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.)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2—

Mr. Thomas Paterson moved, as an amendment, That the following proviso be added to the clause :—

“ Provided that before any payment is made hereunder in the year commencing on the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and thirty, a conference shall be held between the Commonwealth and the State of South Australia upon the subject of the provision of a four feet eight and one half inches gauge railway line between Adelaide and Port Augusta without the use of a third rail between Salisbury and Port Augusta.”

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 3 and 4 agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Theodore (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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5. GRAFTON TO SOUTH BRISBANE RAILWAY 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.*)

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.
 Title agreed to.
 Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Crouch reported accordingly.
 On the motion of Mr. Theodore (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

6. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Export Guarantee Act—Return showing assistance granted to 30th September, 1929.
7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eight minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, 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. Bayley, Mr. Donald Cameron, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Keane, Mr. Killen, Mr. Lewis, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. McNeill, and Mr. Stewart.

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