

1932.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 19.

FRIDAY, 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 1932.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. H. Mackay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Northern Territory—Report on Administration for year ended 30th June, 1931.  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
3. DAYS OF BUSINESS—ALTERATION.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That, unless otherwise ordered, the House shall meet on each Tuesday at three o'clock p.m.; on each Wednesday and Thursday at half-past two o'clock p.m.; and on each Friday at half-past ten o'clock a.m.  
Question—put and passed.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING COMMISSION BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

ISAAC A. ISAACS,  
*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 6.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act relating to Broadcasting.

15th March, 1932.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

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

*(In the Committee.)*

Mr. Fenton (Postmaster-General) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act relating to Broadcasting.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Bell reported accordingly.

The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Fenton, by leave, was adopted by the House.

29th April, 1932.

5. AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING COMMISSION BILL.—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 9 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 10 to 14 agreed to.

Clause 15—

Mr. Earle Page moved, as an amendment, That sub-clause (1.) be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following sub-clause :—

“(1.) A general manager shall be appointed by the Governor-General, shall hold office for a period not exceeding five years, and shall be eligible for re-appointment.”.

Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Bell, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 36.

Mr. Blacklow	Mr. Hutchinson
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Jennings
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Lane
Mr. Casey	Mr. John Lawson
Mr. Dein	Mr. Lyons
Mr. Dennis	Mr. Marr
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. McBride
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Parkhill
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Guy	Mr. Stacey
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Frederick Stewart
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Hawker	
Mr. Holman	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Gardner
Mr. Hutchin	Mr. White

Noes, 26.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Martens
Mr. Baker	Mr. Nock
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Forde	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Gander	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Hill	
Mr. James	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. George Lawson	Mr. McNicoll
Mr. Makin	Mr. E. C. Riley

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Earle Page moved, as an amendment, That after “ necessary ” (page 3, line 37) the words “ subject to the approval of the Governor-General ” be inserted.

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Bell, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Makin
Mr. Baker	Mr. Martens
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Nock
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Forde	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Gander	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Hill	
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. James	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. George Lawson	Mr. Thompson

Noes, 34.

Mr. Bruce	Mr. Jennings
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Lane
Mr. Casey	Mr. John Lawson
Mr. Dein	Mr. Lyons
Mr. Dennis	Mr. Marr
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. McBride
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Nairn
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Guy	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Stacey
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Frederick Stewart
Mr. Hawker	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Holman	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hutchin	Mr. Gardner
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. White

And so it was negatived.

On the motion of Mr. Fenton (Postmaster-General), the following amendment was made, after debate :—  
Page 3, line 40, omit “ Minister ”, insert “ Governor-General ”.

Mr. James moved, as a further amendment, That the following proviso be added to sub-clause (2.) :—

“ Provided that such salaries shall not exceed Eight hundred pounds in the case of the general manager and the next six most highly paid executive officers ”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

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Debate continued.

Ordered—That the clause be put by sub-clauses.

Sub-clause (1.) agreed to.

Question—That sub-clause (2.), as amended, be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Bell, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 42.

Mr. Baker	Mr. Hutchin
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Hutchinson
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Jennings
Mr. Casey	Mr. Lane
Mr. Dein	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. Dennis	Mr. Lyons
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Makin
Mr. Forde	Mr. Marr
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Martens
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Gregory	Mr. E. C. Riley
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Mr. Gullett	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Guy	Mr. Scullin
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Watkins
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Hawker	
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holman	Mr. Gardner
Mr. Hughes	Mr. White

Noes, 16.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott
Mr. Thomas Collins
Mr. Bernard Corser
Mr. Roland Green
Mr. Hill
Mr. John Lawson
Mr. Maxwell
Mr. McBride
Mr. Nock
Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Prowse
Mr. Stacey
Mr. Frederick Stewart
Mr. Thorby

*Tellers:*

Mr. Price
Mr. Thompson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Sub-clause (3.) agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 16—

Mr. Fenton moved, as an amendment, That sub-clause (2.) be omitted.

Debate ensued.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Bell reported accordingly.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at ten minutes to four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Anstey, Mr. Beasley, Mr. Hunter\*, Mr. Latham\*, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. McClelland, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Thomas Paterson, and Mr. Ward.

\* On leave.

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