THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA. CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

REPRESENTATIVES. HOUSE OF

No. 104.

TUESDAY, 23RD MAY, 1933.

- 1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. H. Mackay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2. Ministerial Statement-Australian Broadcasting Commission.—Mr. Parkhill (Postmaster-General), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement regarding certain questions concerning the Australian Broadcasting Commission.
- 3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT -WORKING HOURS REDUCTION. -Mr. Latham (Minister for External Affairs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the instructions, in relation to the question of the reduction of working hours, given to the Government Delegate at the forthcoming Conference of the International Labour Organization of the League of Nations.
- 4. Papers. -The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute -

Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1933, No. 61. New Guinea Act—Ordinances of 1933—

No. 14—Native Labour.

No. 15-Customs Tariff.

No. 16—Stamp Duties. No. 17—Advisory Council Ordinance Repeal.

No. 18—Legal Practitioners.

No. 19—Appropriation (No. 2) 1932–33. No. 20—Native Labour (No. 2).

No. 21-Liquor.

No. 22—Lands Registration. No. 23—Lands Registration (No. 2).

No. 24 - Natives Taxes.

No. 25—Laws Repeal and Adopting. No. 26—Public Service. No. 27—Customs Tariff (No. 2).

No. 28—Salamaua Lands.

No. 29—Companies (No. 2). No. 30—Education.

No. 31-Advisory Council Ordinance Repeal (No. 2).

Public Service Act-Appointment of A. W. Kaill, Department of the Interior.

Railways Act—By-laws Nos. 61, 62.

Sales Tax Assessment Acts (Nos. 1 to 9)—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1933, No. 60.

- 5. Dried Fruits Bill (1933).—Mr. Frederick Stewart (Minister for Commerce) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the Dried Fruits Act 1928. Question—put and passed.
- 6. CANNED FRUITS EXPORT CONTROL BILL (1933).—Mr. Frederick Stewart (Minister for Commerce) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the Canned Fruits Export Control Act 1926-1930. Question—put and passed.

Mr. Frederick Stewart then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first

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.
- 7. Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Bill (1933).—Mr. Frederick Stewart (Minister for Commerce), pursuant to leave given on the 8th September last, brought up a Bill intituled "A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act 1905-1930,' and for other purposes", 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.

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8. Commonwealth Grants Commission 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.

Mr. Gabb moved, as an amendment, That all the words after "That" be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof:—"the Bill be withdrawn with a view to introducing legislation appointing a permanent body of inquiry constituted as suggested by the Joint Committee of Public Accounts in its Report of 17th June, 1931, relating to South Australia.".

Debate continued.

Mr. McNicoll 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 a later hour this day.

- 9. Postponement of Order of the Day.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 2 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 3, Government Business.
- 10. LEAGUE OF NATIONS—THIRTEENTH ASSEMBLY—REPORT OF AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Latham (Minister for External Affairs), That the Paper [presented on the 8th March last], viz.:—

League of Nations—Thirteenth Assembly, 26th September to 17th October, 1932—Report of

Australian Delegation—

be printed—

Debate resumed by Mr. Hughes, and, his speech not having been concluded at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257B—

Mr. Latham moved, by leave, That Standing Order No. 257B be suspended in order to enable the Right Honorable Member for North Sydney to conclude his speech without limitation of time. Question—put and passed.

Mr. Hughes continued and concluded his speech.

Debate continued.

Question—That the Paper be printed—put and passed.

11. Adjournment.—Mr. Latham (Attorney-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-five minutes past 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. Anstey, Mr. Beasley, Mr. Bruce, Mr. Bernard Corser, Mr. Dennis, Mr. Gander, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Hill, Mr. Holman, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Marr, Mr. McClelland, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Prowse, Mr. Scholfield, and Mr. Watkins.

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