

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 1.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THIRD SESSION OF THE NINTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 1925.

1. The House of Representatives met pursuant to Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor-General, bearing date the twenty-third day of May, 1925, which Proclamation was read at the Table by the Clerk, as follows:—

## PROCLAMATION

Commonwealth of Australia to wit. FORSTER, Governor-General.	By His Excellency the Right Honorable Henry William, Baron Forster, a Member of His Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth of Australia.
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WHEREAS by the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia it is amongst other things enacted that the Governor-General may appoint such times for holding the Sessions of the Parliament as he thinks fit, and also from time to time by Proclamation or otherwise prorogue the Parliament:

And whereas on the thirtieth day of April, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, the Parliament was prorogued until Wednesday, the tenth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five.

Now therefore I, Henry William, Baron Forster, the Governor-General aforesaid, in exercise of the power conferred by the said Constitution, do by this my Proclamation appoint the said Wednesday, the tenth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, as the day for the said Parliament to assemble and be holden for the despatch of business. And all Senators and Members of the House of Representatives are hereby required to give their attendance accordingly, in the building known as the Houses of Parliament, situate in Spring-street, in the city of Melbourne, at three (3) o'clock p.m. on the said Wednesday, the tenth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five.

(L.S.) Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Commonwealth of Australia aforesaid this twenty-third day of May, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, and in the sixteenth year of His Majesty's reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

S. M. BRUCE,  
Prime Minister.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

10th June, 1925.

2. Mr. Speaker (the Right Honorable W. A. Watt) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL BY THE USHER OF THE BLACK ROD.—  
The following Message was delivered by the Usher of the Black Rod :—

MR. SPEAKER,

His Excellency the Governor-General desires the attendance of this honorable House in the Senate Chamber forthwith.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker with the Members of the House went to attend His Excellency :—And having returned—

4. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—CHANGES IN MINISTRY.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) announced to the House that consequent on the resignations of Mr. Bowden as Minister for Defence and Mr. Pratten (Minister for Trade and Customs) as Minister for Health, Sir Neville Howse had been appointed as Minister for Defence and Minister for Health, and Senator Wilson as Minister for Markets and Migration, and that Mr. Marr had been appointed an Honorary Minister.
5. OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE.—DEATH OF SECOND CLERK-ASSISTANT AND CHANGES CONSEQUENT THEREON.—Mr. Speaker said that honorable Members would regret to hear of the death, since the last meeting of the House, of the Second Clerk-Assistant, Mr. E. T. Hubert. Consequent on this loss to the staff, the following changes had been made in regard to the officers in attendance in the Chamber :—
- Mr. McGregor to be Second Clerk-Assistant.  
Mr. Parkes to be Serjeant-at-Arms.
6. THE LATE RIGHT HONORABLE W. F. MASSEY, P.C.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that on the death of the Prime Minister of New Zealand, the Right Honorable W. F. Massey, P.C., the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives had forwarded a cablegram jointly, on behalf of the Parliament of the Commonwealth, extending sympathy with the relatives of the late Mr. Massey, and with New Zealand in the loss of her distinguished Prime Minister. Mr. Speaker also informed the House that he had received the following cablegram in reply from the Prime Minister of the Dominion :—

Wellington, N.Z.  
5th June, 1925.

Hon. President of the Senate  
and  
Hon. Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Melbourne.

Deeply appreciate kind message of condolence conveyed on behalf of Commonwealth Parliament in great loss suffered by Dominion and Empire.

J. G. COATES.

7. THE LATE RIGHT HONORABLE W. F. MASSEY, P.C.—VOTE OF CONDOLENCE.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia expresses its sorrow at the loss which has befallen the Dominion of New Zealand, by the death of the Prime Minister of New Zealand, the Right Honorable William Ferguson Massey, records its appreciation of his distinguished services to the Empire, and extends its sympathy to the Parliament and to the people of the sister Dominion.
- And all Members present having risen in silence—  
Question—passed.  
Resolved—That Mr. Speaker be requested to convey the Resolution to Mrs. Massey and to the Government of the Dominion of New Zealand.
8. SUSPENSION OF SITTING AS MARK OF RESPECT.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late deceased Statesman, the sitting be suspended for an hour.  
Question—put and passed.  
Mr. Speaker thereupon left the Chair.
9. RESUMPTION OF SITTING.—At thirteen minutes to five o'clock p.m. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.
10. HIGH COURT PROCEDURE BILL (1925).—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *High Court Procedure Act 1903-1921*.  
Question—put and passed.  
Mr. Bruce brought up the Bill accordingly, 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.
11. HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—Mr. Speaker reported that the House had that day attended His Excellency the Governor-General in the Senate Chamber, when His Excellency was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of the Parliament, of which Mr. Speaker said he had, for greater accuracy, obtained a copy, which read as follows :—

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES :

You have been called together to consider matters of importance to the welfare of the people and the development of the Commonwealth.

I welcome this opportunity of congratulating you upon the continued prosperity and progress of the country. It gives me great satisfaction to note that Australia is attracting increasing interest and recognition within the Empire and amongst the nations of the world.

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Within the next few weeks a fleet of the Navy of the United States of America will pay a second visit of peace to these shores, and will receive at the hands of the Government and people of Australia a welcome commensurate with the ties of common interest and mutual esteem which unite our peoples.

The revenue in the financial year now closing has exceeded the estimate. This, combined with careful administration in expenditure, will result in a substantial surplus. The embargo on the export of gold from Australia has been withdrawn. This course was adopted simultaneously with action in Great Britain, and has already beneficially affected the trade of the Commonwealth by stabilizing the exchanges. War Loans amounting to £68,000,000 fall due in December of this year. Measures are being taken to ensure that the obligation will be met with the least possible disturbance to the country's finances.

My Advisers note with pleasure the decision of the British Government to proceed with the construction of the Singapore Base.

Marked progress has been made in a definite programme for the defence of Australia. Contracts have been let for two 10,000-ton modern cruisers, and two ocean-going submarines.

It is also proposed to construct a seaplane carrier at Cockatoo Island Dockyard, and to subsidize the building of a floating dock at Newcastle, which the Government of New South Wales has undertaken to construct.

The needs of the Field Army, with regard both to the training of personnel and to essential war material, have received attention. Progress has been made in connexion with the extension of factories for the manufacture locally of small arms and ammunition, and the establishment of nucleus factories for making guns, carriages, shells, high explosives, and machine guns, in addition to the formulation of plans for utilizing private industrial establishments for the manufacture of munitions.

In connexion with the Air Service, additional buildings have been completed at the training school at Point Cook, and the erection of the Aircraft Dépôt at Laverton is rapidly progressing. Provision has also been made for aeroplanes and the necessary amphibians to equip the seaplane carrier.

Recognizing the importance of civil aviation in the country districts, my Advisers have taken steps to extend the existing services.

The Report of the Royal Commission appointed to advise upon the method of assessing War Pensions has been issued. You were doubtless pleased to observe that the findings of the Commission were favorable regarding the provisions of the Act and its administration. In continuation of the Government's policy, Repatriation benefits have been further increased.

Consideration has been given to the problem of the more effective occupation of the northern parts of the Commonwealth, and the full development of their latent resources, having in view the ultimate establishment of a new State or States in North Australia on a self-governing basis. It is proposed to submit a measure for the appointment of a North Australia Commission. The measure will be framed to permit of full co-operation on the part of adjoining States.

My Advisers are pleased to report considerable advancement in connexion with schemes for national and developmental railways.

The permanent survey of the proposed extension of the Northern Territory Railway to Daly Waters has been completed, and the construction of the large bridge over the Katherine River is well advanced.

An agreement subject to the ratification of the Commonwealth and the South Australian Parliaments has been arrived at with the South Australian Government. By this agreement the Commonwealth undertakes to build a Railway northward to Alice Springs, the route to be at the option of the Commonwealth. The collection of the necessary data with regard to the alternative routes is approaching completion. Proposals will be submitted to you as soon as my Advisers are satisfied as to the better route.

Action has been taken towards the carrying out of the scheme for the provision of a uniform railway gauge by the commencement in both States of the construction of the Grafton-Kyogle-Brisbane railway. A further step is contemplated to give railway connexion of standard gauge between Port Augusta and Adelaide, and proposals to this end will be placed before you.

My Ministers have secured the services of an eminent authority to report upon the Ports and Harbours of the Commonwealth. The information acquired will be used in connexion with future development, and will be made available to the States.

Progress has been made with works provided for under the River Murray Agreement. Three Locks have been completed, and six are in various stages of construction. The Lake Victoria storage, which secures the water for the South Australian irrigation districts, is practically complete. The construction of the Hume Reservoir, the design of which has been altered to increase the storage capacity and to provide for the generation of electrical energy, is progressing satisfactorily.

The Commission appointed to administer the Federal Capital Territory assumed its duties on 1st January, 1925. Progress has been made with the construction of the Houses of Parliament and the first portion of the Administrative offices, in accordance with the determination of Parliament that the next Parliament should hold its first session at Canberra. Reports received from the Commission as to the results of the recent floods indicate that the programme may need alteration. An estimate of the minimum staff necessary to enable the Central Administration of the various departments to function at Canberra on a permanent basis has also been prepared, and the Commission has advised on the accommodation that will be required. These reports and proposals will be referred to the Public Works Committee.

The report and recommendations of the Royal Commission on the effect of Federation upon the finances of Western Australia will, when received, be placed before you. The position of Tasmania will be examined in conjunction with the consideration of this report.

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The policy initiated by my Advisers of assisting the States in the construction of main, developmental, and arterial roads has proved so beneficial that you will be invited to continue this policy.

My Ministers have given consideration to the heavy annual loss in production caused by the Rabbit and Dingo pests. To enable landholders to obtain money on easy terms to erect vermin-proof fencing, a scheme for loans to the States will be submitted to you.

Steps have been taken to re-organize the Institute of Science and Industry in order to secure complete co-operation with the States and to enable the Bureau effectively to carry out investigation and research. A report by the Committee appointed to advise on electrical standards is approaching completion, and legislation will be introduced to secure co-operation with the States in the standardization of electrical equipment. My Government has approached the Governments of the States offering to provide a central Forestry School at Canberra.

Important works in connexion with the postal, telephonic and telegraphic services have been carried out, which will ensure increased public convenience, and greater efficiency and economy. Proposals for further works will be placed before you.

General and Press cable rates have been reduced.

In conjunction with the Pacific Cable Board, steps have been taken to duplicate the cable in order to improve communication between Australasia and the United Kingdom.

A contract for the erection of a Beam Wireless Station in Australia has been accepted, and steps are being taken by the British Government for the erection of a reciprocal station. It is anticipated that these stations will be completed early next year.

Arrangements have been made for the construction of Inland Wireless Stations in the Northern Territory, and in Western Queensland, in order to provide rapid means of communication for these isolated areas.

My Government has inaugurated a free wireless news service for ships at sea.

My Ministers have given careful consideration to the operation and effect of the existing Tariff upon primary and secondary industries, and to the investigations which have also been made by the Tariff Board. Proposals arising out of this consideration will be placed before you. A measure will also be submitted for the removal of anomalies and defects which the administration of the Australian Industries Preservation Act has revealed.

My Advisers welcome the action taken by the British Government in the direction of Imperial Preference. They regard with satisfaction the appointment of the Imperial Economic Committee, and confidently hope that the recommendations of that Committee will result in practical measures of lasting benefit to the Empire.

The Export Control Boards for Dairy Produce and Dried Fruits have been constituted under the provisions of the legislation of last session. Substantial benefits have already been obtained as a result of the initial steps which have been taken for the effective organization of oversea marketing. A measure for providing adequate financial machinery to assist further in ensuring regular and orderly marketing and to improve the process of distribution will be submitted to you.

In pursuance of the policy to encourage the settlement of the Northern parts of the Continent, and to stabilize the Sugar industry, a further agreement has been made between the Commonwealth and the State of Queensland. This will ensure the continuance of the industry under conditions equitable to both consumers and producers.

The excellent results achieved at the British Empire Exhibition in 1924 impelled my Advisers to ensure that Australia was again adequately represented this year. It has been decided to supplement the effect of the Exhibition by a comprehensive publicity campaign designed to increase the demand for Australian products in the United Kingdom.

My Advisers are mindful of the trust imposed upon them in connexion with the administration of the Mandated Territory of New Guinea, particularly with regard to the well-being of the native population. The last report to the League of Nations, which was referred by the League to the Permanent Mandates Commission, was most favorably commented upon by the Commission.

Attention has been given to the development of the agricultural industries of Papua and the Mandated Territories, and measures will be introduced providing appropriate means for increasing the production and encouraging the exportation of articles grown in those Territories.

My Advisers have given earnest consideration to the Draft Protocol drawn up at the Fifth Assembly of the League of Nations, and submitted to the members of the League. Whilst anxious to extend as far as practicable the principle of the pacific settlement of disputes, they are of opinion that the acceptance of the Protocol would have accentuated existing obligations without achieving the objects aimed at. My Advisers decided not to recommend the Protocol to Parliament for approval. The Governments of Great Britain and of other self-governing parts of the Empire have also determined not to ratify the Protocol.

My Ministers, after consultation with the Governments of the States, have made a new Migration Agreement with the Government of Great Britain. Under this the British Government and the Government of the Commonwealth are making generous interest concessions on moneys advanced to the States for projects calculated to promote development, encourage the establishment of new industries, and stimulate land settlement. The favorable terms of this new agreement should greatly increase the avenues of employment, and assist the progress and prosperity of the Commonwealth.

Recognizing the dangers of unrestricted alien immigration, my Ministers have taken action under existing legislation to regulate the numbers and types of these immigrants. In order more effectively to deal with this question, a Bill will be submitted to you to extend the scope of the existing Immigration Restriction Act.

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The operation of the Conciliation and Arbitration Act of the Commonwealth has long revealed that in many important particulars amendments are necessary. A Bill will be submitted to you for the purpose of diminishing conflicts between Federal and State jurisdictions, securing the observance of the Awards of the Court, and increasing the efficiency of the machinery for the settlement of industrial disputes.

The final report of the Royal Commission on the effect of the Navigation Act will be placed before you at an early date and will be considered in conjunction with the reports already received.

The first progress report of the Royal Commission on National Insurance dealing with casual sickness, permanent invalidity, maternity, and old age has been received. The recommendations of the Commission will be considered in connexion with the subsequent reports dealing with unemployment and other phases of these problems, with a view to legislation.

The Royal Commission appointed to inquire into and report upon Public Health and the operation of the laws of the Commonwealth and States in regard thereto is still pursuing its investigations. As soon as possible after the report of the Commission has been received, my Advisers will submit proposals to you for more effectively safeguarding the health of the people.

My Ministers will among other measures submit Bills dealing with Life Insurance Companies, Power Alcohol Bounties, Nationality, Lands Acquisition, and Patents. A number of Bills amending existing legislation, including the Land and Income Tax Assessment Acts, will also be introduced.

My term of office as Governor-General of the Commonwealth will expire at the beginning of October next, and I take this opportunity of expressing my deep regret at the severance of ties which have bound me in close affection to this country and its people, and my thanks to the past and present members of the Legislature for their uniform courtesy, consideration, and assistance.

As the representative of His Majesty, I have observed with the greatest satisfaction the spirit of steadfast loyalty to the Throne and Empire which is a distinguishing characteristic of the people of Australia. Its future prosperity, and the welfare and happiness of its people, will ever be matters of deep concern to me, and I shall share your pride in its future achievements.

In the earnest hope that Divine Providence may guide your deliberations, and further the welfare of the people of the Commonwealth, I now leave you to the discharge of your high and important duties.

12. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That a Committee consisting of Mr. Robert Cook, Mr. Gardner, and the Mover, be appointed to prepare an Address in Reply to the Speech delivered by His Excellency the Governor-General to both Houses of the Parliament, and that the Committee do report this day.  
Question—put and passed.
13. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Commonwealth Bank Act—Commonwealth Bank of Australia—Aggregate Balance-sheet at 31st December, 1924, and Statement of the Liabilities and Assets of the Note Issue Department at 31st December, 1924; together with the Auditor-General's Reports thereon.  
The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Crown Leases—Method for determining the Unimproved Value of Land held under—Report of Royal Commission, together with Appendices.  
High Commissioner of the Commonwealth in the United Kingdom—Report for 1924.  
International Labour Organization of the League of Nations, held at Geneva—  
Sixth Session, 16th June to 5th July, 1924—Report by Employers' Delegate (Mr. W. C. F. Thomas.)  
Land Tax—Report of the Royal Commission (Judge D. S. Edwards, Commissioner) to inquire into extracts from the reports in Parliamentary Debates of Speeches made by Mr. Scullin in the House of Representatives on the 7th and 19th August, 1924, in relation to Land Tax matters.  
League of Nations—Protocol for the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes, adopted by the Fifth Assembly on 2nd October, 1924, with Appendices.  
National Insurance—Casual Sickness, Permanent Invalidity, Maternity, Old-age—First Progress Report of the Royal Commission.  
War Service Disabilities—Assessment of—Report of Royal Commission, dated 22nd December, 1924.  
Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.  
Dawes Annuities—Agreement between the Governments of Great Britain, Belgium, France, Italy, Japan, the United States of America, Brazil, Greece, Poland, Portugal, Roumania, the Serb-Croat-Slovene State and Czechoslovakia regarding the Distribution of the Dawes Annuities; signed at Paris, 14th January, 1925. (Paper presented to British Parliament).  
Forestry Programme of the Commonwealth Government—Report, together with maps, by Mr. C. E. Lane-Poole, Commonwealth Forestry Adviser.  
International Labour Organization of the League of Nations, Sixth Session, held at Geneva, 16th June to 5th July, 1924—Recommendation adopted (Utilization of Workers' Spare Time).  
International Postal Congress, held at Stockholm, 1924—Report by the Honorable W. G. Gibson, M.P., Postmaster-General of the Commonwealth, together with copy of the Convention, Regulations, and Protocols signed at that Congress.  
Nauru—Report on the Administration during the year 1924—Prepared by the Administrator for submission to the League of Nations.  
Northern Territory—Report of Administrator for the year ended 30th June, 1924.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.

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The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—

- No. 61 of 1924—Postmaster-General's Department, State Heads of Branches Association.
- No. 62 of 1924—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.
- No. 63 of 1924—Arms, Explosives and Munition Workers' Federation of Australia; Amalgamated Engineering Union and Australasian Society of Engineers.
- No. 64 of 1924—Arms, Explosives and Munition Workers' Federation of Australia.
- No. 65 of 1924—Professional Officers' Association.
- No. 66 of 1924—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.
- No. 67 of 1924—Australian Postal Assistants' Union.
- No. 68 of 1924—Commonwealth Storemen and Packers' Union.
- No. 69 of 1924—Australian Postal Linemen's Union.
- No. 70 of 1924—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.
- No. 1 of 1925—Professional Officers' Association.
- No. 2 of 1925—Federated Public Service Assistants' Association.
- No. 3 of 1925—Federated Public Service Assistants' Association.
- No. 4 of 1925—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.
- No. 5 of 1925—Australian Postal Linemen's Union.
- No. 6 of 1925—General Division Officers' Union of the Trade and Customs Department.
- No. 7 of 1925—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.
- No. 8 of 1925—Commonwealth Storemen and Packers' Union.
- No. 9 of 1925—Professional Officers' Association.
- Nos. 10 and 11 of 1925—Australian Letter Carriers' Association.
- No. 12 of 1925—Postal Sorters' Union of Australia.
- No. 13 of 1925—Postal Sorters' Union of Australia.
- No. 14 of 1925—Professional Officers' Association.
- Nos. 15, 16, 17 and 18 of 1925—Amalgamated Postal Linemen, Sorters and Letter Carriers' Union of Australia.

Audit Act—

Transfers of Amounts approved by the Governor-General in Council—Financial Year 1924-25—

- Dated 12th November, 1924.
- Dated 3rd December, 1924.
- Dated 14th January, 1925.
- Dated 4th February, 1925.
- Dated 11th February, 1925.
- Dated 11th March, 1925.
- Dated 1st April, 1925.
- Dated 29th April, 1925.
- Dated 6th May, 1925.
- Dated 13th May, 1925.
- Dated 19th May, 1925.

Beer Excise Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1925, No. 61.

Cattle Export Bounty Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1924, No. 157.

Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1924, Nos. 156, 164.

Commonwealth Bank Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1925, No. 74.

Contract Immigrants Act—Return for 1924.

Customs Act—

Proclamation, dated 26th November, 1924, prohibiting the Exportation (except under certain conditions) of Live Pearl Shell Oysters.

Regulations Amended—

- Statutory Rules 1924, Nos. 163, 170, 183, 185, 192.
- Statutory Rules 1925, Nos. 22, 29, 33, 59.

Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—

Commerce (General Export) Regulations—Statutory Rules 1925, No. 25.

Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1925, Nos. 62, 65.

Defence Act—

Regulations Amended—

- Statutory Rules 1924, Nos. 152, 153, 154, 159, 176, 180, 191, 200, 201, 202.
- Statutory Rules 1925, Nos. 19, 20, 26, 34, 53, 56, 66, 81, 82.

Royal Military College—Report for year 1923-24.

Distillation Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1925, Nos. 9, 27.

Electoral Act and Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act—

Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1924, No. 206.

Excise Act—Regulations Amended—

- Statutory Rules 1924, Nos. 182, 193.
- Statutory Rules 1925, Nos. 7, 60.

Export Guarantee Act—Fresh Doradillo Grapes Assistance Regulations—Statutory Rules 1924, No. 165.

High Court Procedure Act—Rules of Court—Rule *re* Sittings—Dated 12th November, 1924

Immigration Act—Return for 1924.

Income Tax Assessment Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1924, Nos. 166, 181, 194.

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## Lands Acquisition Act—

## Land acquired at—

Burracoppin, Western Australia—For Postal purposes.  
 Carnarvon, Western Australia—For Defence purposes.  
 Cygnet, Tasmania—For Postal purposes.  
 Federal Territory—For Federal Capital purposes.  
 Fremantle, Western Australia—For Defence purposes.  
 Hobart, Tasmania—For Postal purposes.  
 Kandos, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.  
 Kulin, Western Australia—For Postal purposes.  
 Laverton, Victoria—For Defence purposes.  
 Seymour, Victoria (2)—For Defence purposes.  
 Spearwood, Western Australia—For Postal purposes.

## Nationality Act—Return for 1924.

## Naval Defence Act—Regulations Amended—

Statutory Rules 1924, Nos. 155, 171, 179.

Statutory Rules 1925, Nos. 2, 3, 12, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 69, 70, 71, 75.

## New Guinea Act—

## Ordinances of 1924—

No. 34—Lands Registration (No. 3).  
 No. 35—Supply (No. 3) 1924–25.  
 No. 36—Goods.  
 No. 37—Land (No. 2).  
 No. 38—Native Labour (No. 3).  
 No. 39—Supply (No. 4) 1924–25.  
 No. 40—Arms, Liquor and Opium Prohibition.  
 No. 41—Arbitration.  
 No. 42—Intoxicating Liquors.  
 No. 43—Medical.

## Ordinances of 1925—

No. 1—Supply (No. 5) 1924–25.  
 No. 2—Laws Repeal and Adopting.  
 No. 3—Reciprocal Enforcement of Judgments.  
 No. 4—Companies.  
 No. 5—Criminal Procedure.  
 No. 6—Prisons.  
 No. 7—Land.  
 No. 8—Lands Registration.  
 No. 9—Supply (No. 6) 1924–25.  
 No. 10—Treasury.  
 No. 11—Companies (No. 2).  
 No. 12—Native Labour.  
 No. 13—Medical.  
 No. 14—Appropriation 1924–25.  
 No. 15—Public Service.

## Norfolk Island Act—

## Ordinances of 1925—

No. 1—Reciprocal Enforcement of Judgments.  
 No. 2—Executive Council.

## Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—

Encouragement of Primary Production Ordinance—Regulations.

Income Tax Ordinance—Regulations.

Tin Dredging Ordinance—Regulations.

## Ordinances of 1924—

No. 21—Encouragement of Primary Production.  
 No. 22—Inspection of Boilers.  
 No. 23—Plant Diseases.  
 No. 24—Income Tax.  
 No. 25—Licensing (No. 2).

## Ordinances of 1925—

No. 1—Early Closing.  
 No. 2—Reciprocal Enforcement of Judgments.  
 No. 3—Licensing.  
 No. 4—Meat Industry Encouragement.  
 No. 5—Slaughtering.  
 No. 6—Lotteries.  
 No. 7—Groote Island Bees.  
 No. 8—Weights and Measures.  
 No. 9—Crown Lands.  
 No. 10—Income Tax.  
 No. 11—Public Service.

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## Papua Act—

## Ordinances of 1924—

- No. 7—Customs (Export) Tariff (No. 2).
- No. 8—Mining.
- No. 9—Native Taxes.
- No. 10—Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages.
- No. 11—Navigation.
- No. 12—Health.
- No. 13—British New Guinea Development Company Limited Amendment.
- No. 15—Mercantile.
- No. 16—Appropriation, 1924–1925.
- No. 17—Supplementary Appropriation (No. 2), 1923–1924.
- No. 18—Land.

## Ordinances of 1925—

- No. 1—Supplementary Appropriation (No. 1) 1924–1925; together with Supplementary Estimates (No. 1), 1924–1925.
- No. 3—Supplementary Appropriation (No. 2), 1924–1925; together with Supplementary Estimates (No. 2) 1924–1925.

## Patents Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1924, No. 115.

## Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations Amended—

- Statutory Rules 1924, Nos. 172, 184, 190.
- Statutory Rules 1925, Nos. 6, 11, 42, 48, 49, 54, 77.

## Public Service Act—

## List of Permanent Officers of the Commonwealth Service on 30th June, 1924.

## Appointments and Promotions—Department of—

## Health—

- W. E. George, N. M. Gutteridge, and J. A. Broben.
- G. V. Rudd.

## Home and Territories—

- W. B. Rimmer.

## Postmaster-General's Department—

- A. A. Lorimer.
- R. B. Mair.

## Treasury—

- L. M. Clayton.
- S. Macdonald.

## Works and Railways—

- P. G. Taylor.

## Regulations Amended—

- Statutory Rules 1924, Nos. 161, 162, 174, 175, 188, 189.
- Statutory Rules 1925, Nos. 1, 4, 30, 31, 32, 41, 45, 46, 47, 51, 52, 58, 67, 68, 72, 78, 79.

## Quarantine Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1925, No. 64.

## Railways Act—By-laws Nos. 32, 33, 34.

## Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—

## Building and Services Ordinance—Regulations—

- Canberra Building.
- Canberra Electric Supply.
- Canberra Sewerage and Water Supply.

## City Area Leases Ordinance—Regulations.

## Parks and Gardens Ordinance—Regulations.

## Ordinances of 1924—

- No. 8—City Area Leases.
- No. 9—Building and Services.
- No. 10—Church Lands Leases.
- No. 11—Cattle Testing.
- No. 12—Federal Capital Commission's Powers.
- No. 13—City Area Leases (No. 2).

## Ordinance of 1925—

- No. 1.—Real Property.

## Superannuation Act—Regulations Amended—

- Statutory Rules 1924, No. 195.
- Statutory Rules 1925, No. 84.

## Treaties of Peace (Austria and Bulgaria) Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1925, Nos. 16, 17.

## Treaty of Peace (Germany) Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1925, Nos. 15, 21.

## Treaty of Peace (Hungary) Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1925, No. 18.

## War Service Homes Act—

- Land acquired in New South Wales, at—Earlwood, East Gresford, Lidcombe, North Sydney, Parramatta, Wollongong.

## Wine Export Bounty Act—

- Regulations—Statutory Rules 1924, No. 150.
- Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1925, No. 57.



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14. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) brought up the Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech, prepared by the Committee appointed this day, and the same was read by the Clerk, as follows :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, beg to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament.

Mr. Robert Cook moved, That the Address be agreed to.

Mr. Gardner seconded the motion.

Debate ensued.

Sir Littleton Groom (Attorney-General) moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 36:

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Killen
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Latham
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mann
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marr
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Earle Page
Sir Austin Chapman	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Prowse
Mr. R. W. Foster	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Whitsitt

Tellers :

Sir Littleton Groom	
Mr. Hill	
Sir Neville Howse	Mr. Hunter
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Lister

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Mr. Anstey	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Charlton	Mr. O'Keefe
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Forde	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Lacey	Mr. West
Mr. Lambert	Mr. Yates
Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Mahony	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Parker Moloney

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

15. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—

Naval Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1925, No. 85.

16. TIME OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

Question—put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seven minutes past nine 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. Roland Green, Mr. Hurry, Mr. Makin, and Mr. Marks.

WALTER A. GALE,  
*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*