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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 8.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 28TH JANUARY, 1926.

1. The House met, at a quarter to three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Sir Littleton Groom) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS IN REPLY.—Mr. Speaker reported that, accompanied by honorable Members, he had that day waited 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 14th 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 Tenth Parliament of the Commonwealth, and I thank you for your expression of loyalty to His Majesty the King.
3. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—WHARF AT RABAU, NEW GUINEA.—Mr. Marr (Minister representing the Minister for Home and Territories) moved, pursuant to notice—
(1) That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1921*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for its investigation and report thereon, *i.e.*, Selection of Site and Construction of Wharf at Rabaul, Territory of New Guinea, and
(2) That the Committee have leave to meet whilst the House is sitting.
Question—put and passed.
4. CRIMES BILL (1926).—Mr. Latham (Attorney-General), pursuant to leave given on the 20th instant, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the Crimes Act 1914-1915*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. Latham moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Latham not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257A, the honorable Member was given leave to continue his speech.
Mr. Charlton 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.
5. NAVIGATION BILL (1926).—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 3—

Debate resumed on the amendment moved by Mr. Scullin, *viz.*:—That the words "manned by white labour" be inserted after the word "ships" (line 18).

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Mann reported accordingly.

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

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6. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinance
No. 6 of 1926—Darwin Town Council.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eight minutes past 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. Anstey, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Ley, Mr. Makin, Sir Granville Ryrie, and
Mr. Watkins.

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