

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 13.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH FEBRUARY, 1926.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Sir Littleton Groom) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
League of Nations, Sixth Assembly, September, 1925—Report of the Australian Delegation.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.  
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Iron and Steel Products Bounty Act—Statement setting out particulars relating to approval given for the use of imported materials in the manufacture of products upon which bounty may be paid.  
War Service Homes Act—Land acquired at Randwick, New South Wales.
3. NORTHERN AUSTRALIA BILL (1926).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—  
Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
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.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—ALIENS REGISTRATION ACT SUSPENSION BILL (1926).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—  
MR. SPEAKER, *Message No. 8.*  
The Senate has passed a Bill for “*An Act to suspend the Operation of the ‘Aliens Registration Act 1920’*”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.  
The Senate, THOS. GIVENS,  
Melbourne, 10th February, 1926. President.  
Mr. Marr (Minister representing the Minister for Home and Territories) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message 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.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PRECIOUS METALS PROSPECTING BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—  
MR. SPEAKER, *Message No. 9.*  
The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act relating to the Encouragement of Prospecting for Precious Metals*,” and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.  
The Senate, THOS. GIVENS,  
Melbourne, 10th February, 1926. President.
6. CRIMES BILL (1926).—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. Charlton addressing the House, and 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.

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Mr. Charlton moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word "That" be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof—"this House is of opinion that the Bill should be withdrawn with a view to re-drafting so as to eliminate the obnoxious clauses referring to industrial disputes as such clauses associated with the Crimes Act are an unwarranted affront to the great bodies of organized labor".

Debate continued.

Mr. Rodgers 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.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—  
Mr. Anstey, Mr. Bell, Mr. Roland Green, Sir Elliot Johnson, Mr. Killen, and Mr. Lazzarini.

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