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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 39.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH MAY, 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. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Nauru—Report on the Administration during the year 1925—Prepared by the Administrator for submission to the League of Nations.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MEETING OF PARLIAMENT AT CANBERRA.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the Inaugural Meeting of the Parliament at Canberra.  
Mr. Mahony, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—OIL AGREEMENT BILL (1926).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 23.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to approve an Agreement made between His Majesty's Government of the Commonwealth of Australia and the Anglo-Persian Oil Company Limited and for other purposes,*" and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

JOHN NEWLANDS,  
Deputy-President.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 26th May, 1926.

5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Naval Defence Act—Fleet Reserve Regulations—Statutory Rules 1926, No. 61.  
Public Service Act—Appointment of G. Franklyn, Department of Works and Railways.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That Notices of Motion Nos. 1 and 2 and Order of the Day No. 1 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 12, Government Business.
7. NORTHERN TERRITORY (ADMINISTRATION) 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. W. Maloney 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 :—"the Bill be postponed with a view to a referendum being taken as to whether there shall be leasehold or freehold in the Northern Territory".  
Debate continued.  
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.  
The House divided—

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Latham
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Mann
Mr. Bell	Mr. Marr
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Nott
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Parsons
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Perkins
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Rodgers
Sir John Gellibrand	Mr. Scabrook
Mr. Gibson	
Mr. Gullett	
Mr. Hill	
Sir Neville Howse	

Tellers :

Mr. Hunter  
Mr. Lister

Noes, 15.

Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Fenton	Mr. West
Mr. Forde	
Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. Lacey	
Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. W. Maloney	

Tellers :

Mr. Makin  
Mr. E. C. Riley

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Debate on Main Question continued.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 35.

Noes, 15.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Latham	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Ley	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Mann	Mr. Coleman	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bell	Mr. Marr	Mr. Fenton	Mr. West
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Nott	Mr. Forde	
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Albert Green	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Parsons	Mr. Lacey	
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Makin
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Perkins	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Pratten		
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Prowse		
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Rodgers		
Sir John Gellibrand	Mr. Seabrook		
Mr. Gibson	Mr. William Watson		
Mr. Gregory			
Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers :</i>		
Sir Neville Howse			
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Hunter		
Sir Elliot Johnson	Mr. Lister		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

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

*(In the Committee.)*

Clause 1—

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

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

8. MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY ENDOWMENT BILL.  
—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General's Deputy was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. H. IRVINE,

*Deputy of the Governor-General.**Message No. 19.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Deputy of 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 to constitute a Fund to be utilized for the purposes of Scientific and Industrial Research.

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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. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to constitute a Fund to be utilized for the purposes of Scientific and Industrial Research.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

Mr. Bruce moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Bruce, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Bruce and Sir Neville Howse do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Bruce then 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 a later hour this day.

9. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the intervening Business be postponed until after the consideration of Notice of Motion No. 2, Government Business.

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10. SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY RESEARCH BILL.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Institute of Science and Industry Act 1920*.  
Question—put and passed.  
Mr. Bruce then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.  
Mr. Bruce moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Mr. Blakeley 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.
11. MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY RESEARCH BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General's Deputy was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—
- W. H. IRVINE,  
*Deputy of the Governor-General.* *Message No. 20.*
- In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Deputy of 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 to amend the *Institute of Science and Industry Act 1920*.  
Melbourne, 19th May, 1926.
- Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.
12. SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY ENDOWMENT BILL.—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. Scullin 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.
13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at ten minutes to eleven 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. Corser, Mr. Hurry, Mr. Killen, Mr. Manning, Mr. Maxwell, and Sir Granville Ryrie.

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