

1926-27.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 90.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 10TH MARCH, 1927.

1. The House met, at half-past two 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—
Navigation Service—Annual Report of the Director of Navigation for the year ended 30th September, 1926.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Census and Statistics Act—Statistics Regulations—Statutory Rules 1927, No. 1.
Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—
Ordinances of 1927—
No. 2—Auctioneers.
No. 3—Provisional Government (No. 2).
3. STATES GRANTS 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—and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Charlton, viz.:—That all the words after "That" be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof:—"in view of the State Governments' heavy financial responsibilities, the Bill be withdrawn"—
Debate resumed.
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.
The House divided—

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Latham
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Ley
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Manning
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marks
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Marr
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Nott
Mr. Corser	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Pratten
Sir John Gellibrand	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Hill	
Sir Neville Howse	Tellers :
Mr. Hurry	Mr. Hunter
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Lister

Noes, 28.

Mr. Bell	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Forde	Mr. Theodore
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Gregory	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Watt
Mr. Hughes	Mr. West
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Yates
Mr. Mann	
Mr. Maxwell	Tellers :
Mr. McGrath	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Prowse	Mr. Makin

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

10th March, 1927.

The House divided—

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Latham
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Ley
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Manning
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marks
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Marr
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Nott
Mr. Corser	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Pratten
Sir John Gellibrand	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Hill	
Sir Neville Howse	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Hurry	Mr. Hunter
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Lister

Noes, 28.

Mr. Bell	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Forde	Mr. Theodore
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Gregory	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Watt
Mr. Hughes	Mr. West
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Yates
Mr. Mann	
Mr. Maxwell	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. McGrath	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Prowse	Mr. Makin

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.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—STATES GRANTS BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

STONEHAVEN,
Governor-General.

Message No. 57.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purpose of amendments to be moved by the Treasurer to a Bill for an Act to amend the *Surplus Revenue Act* 1910, to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund sums for the purposes of Financial Assistance to States, and for other purposes.

Melbourne, 2nd March, 1927.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.

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

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determination by the Arbitrator, &c.—No. 44 of 1926—
Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.

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

And then the House, at eighteen 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. Grosvenor Francis, Mr. Albert Green, Mr. Lacey, Mr. Lambert, and Mr. Parsons.

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