

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 91.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 11TH MARCH, 1927.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Sir Littleton Groom) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Inscribed Stock Act—Dealings and Transactions during the year ended 30th June, 1926.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at Sherwood, Queensland—For Defence purposes.
3. MOVING-PICTURE INDUSTRY IN AUSTRALIA—JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE.—SENATE'S MESSAGE No. 69.—
The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Senate's Message No. 69 (*see page 294*)—
Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved—
 - (1) That the House of Representatives agrees to the appointment of a Joint Committee to inquire into and report on the moving-picture industry in Australia;
 - (2) That Mr. Forde, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Marks, and Mr. Nott be appointed to serve on such Committee with three Senators appointed by the Senate;
 - (3) That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records, to move from place to place, to sit during any adjournment of the Parliament, and to report the Minutes of Evidence from time to time;
 - (4) That one Member of the House of Representatives, sitting with three other Members of the Committee, shall constitute a quorum, provided that in such quorum both Houses shall be represented.
 - (5) That the time and place of the first meeting of the Committee shall be 10.30 o'clock a.m. on Wednesday, 16th March, 1927, in the Senate Committee Room.
 - (6) That the foregoing resolutions be communicated to the Senate by Message.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

4. STATES GRANTS BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 57—
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient 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.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Earle Page, by leave, was adopted by the House.

5. STATES GRANTS BILL.—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.

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(In the Committee.)

Clause 1—

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer), the following amendment was made, after debate :—

Page 1, line 4, omit " 1926 ", insert " 1927 ".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 2 debated.

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page, the following amendment was made :—

Page 1, line 7, omit " twenty-six ".

Mr. Gregory moved, That the word " twenty-nine " be inserted in place of the word omitted.

Debate ensued.

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.

6. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Monday next at three o'clock p.m.

Question—put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Monday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—
Mr. Anstey, Mr. Malcolm Cameron, Mr. Grosvenor Francis, Mr. Albert Green, Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Lambert, Mr. Lazzarini, and Mr. Parsons.

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