

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.
CANBERRA.

No. 109.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 13TH OCTOBER, 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. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Wine Export Bounty Act—Return for 1926-27.
3. ABORIGINES OF AUSTRALIA—JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Jackson moved, pursuant to notice, *amended*—
 - (1) That, in view of the fast increasing death rate among the aboriginal tribes in Australia, and the urgent need for their protection against disease and other effects brought about by the populating of areas which for centuries have been their hunting grounds, a Joint Select Committee be appointed to inquire into—
 - (a) the segregation in large areas in the Northern Territory of its present aboriginal population ;
 - (b) co-operation with States in matters affecting the welfare of aboriginal tribes ;
 - (c) the half-caste problem ;
 - (d) allocation of assistance to Aboriginal Mission Stations ;
 - (e) any other matters which will assist the welfare of aboriginals and half-castes.
 - (2) That three Members of the House of Representatives be appointed to serve on such Committee, and that such Members shall be Mr. Aubrey Abbott, Mr. Forde, and the Mover.
 - (3) That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records, to move from place to place, and to sit during any adjournment of the Parliament.
 - (4) That a Message be sent to the Senate requesting its concurrence, and asking that two Members of the Senate be appointed to serve upon such Committee.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Marr (Minister for Home and Territories), addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the Orders of the Day (General Business) were called on, in accordance with Standing Order No. 119.

4. TITLES, GRANTING OF.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. McGrath :—
 - (1) That, in the opinion of this House, the granting of titles is contrary to the sentiment of the citizens of Australia.
 - (2) That the above resolution be conveyed to His Gracious Majesty King George through His Excellency the Governor-General—

Debate resumed.

Question—put.

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The House divided—

Ayes, 15.		Noes, 38.	
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Theodore	Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Sir Elliot Johnson
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Killen
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Lister
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Yates	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Forde		Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Manning
Mr. Maxwell		Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Marks
Mr. Edward Riley	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Corser	Mr. Marr
Mr. E. C. Riley	Mr. Fenton	Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Nott
Mr. Scullin	Mr. Makin	Mr. Grosvenor Francis	Mr. Earle Page
		Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Parkhill
		Mr. Gardner	Mr. Thomas Paterson
		Sir John Gellibrand	Mr. Pratten
		Mr. Gibson	Mr. Prowse
		Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Rodgers
		Mr. Gregory	Mr. Seabrook
		Mr. Gullett	Mr. Watt
		Mr. Hill	
		Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Hunter	Mr. Duncan-Hughes
		Mr. Jackson	Mr. Perkins

And so it was negatived.

5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 2 and 3, General Business, be postponed until Thursday, 3rd November next.

6. RAILWAY THROUGH CENTRAL QUEENSLAND TO NORTH-SOUTH LINE.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Manning:—That it is essential for the proper development of Northern Australia that a railway be constructed from Bourke, New South Wales, through Central Queensland towards Cloncurry and thence across the Barkly Tablelands to a point on the North-South Railway in the Northern Territory—the carrying of this resolution to be taken as an instruction from this House to the Government to approach the State Governments of New South Wales and Queensland with a view of apportioning the expense of constructing this line between the Commonwealth and the States mentioned—*And on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Gregory, viz.:*—Omit all the words after “constructed from” up to and inclusive of the words “Northern Territory” and insert in place thereof “Broome or Derby starting in an easterly direction up to its junction with the North-South railway at or about Newcastle Waters, thence south of east to Camooweal”—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Josiah Francis 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 Thursday, 3rd November next.

7. NAVIGATION ACT—REPEAL OF COASTAL TRADE SECTIONS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Seabrook:—That, in the opinion of this House and in the best interests of Australia, the time has arrived for the repeal of all sections of the Navigation Act relating to the coastal trade—

Mr. Perkins 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 Thursday, 24th November next.

8. ABORIGINES OF AUSTRALIA—JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Jackson:—

- (1) That, in view of the fast increasing death rate among the aboriginal tribes in Australia, and the urgent need for their protection against disease and other effects brought about by the populating of areas which for centuries have been their hunting grounds, a Joint Select Committee be appointed to inquire into—

- the segregation in large areas in the Northern Territory of its present aboriginal population ;
- co-operation with States in matters affecting the welfare of aboriginal tribes ;
- the half-caste problem ;
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- any other matters which will assist the welfare of aboriginals and half-castes.

- (2) That three Members of the House of Representatives be appointed to serve on such Committee, and that such Members shall be Mr. Aubrey Abbott, Mr. Forde, and the Mover.

- (3) That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records, to move from place to place, and to sit during any adjournment of the Parliament.

- (4) That a Message be sent to the Senate requesting its concurrence, and asking that two Members of the Senate be appointed to serve upon such Committee—

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Debate resumed.

Mr. Nelson addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 3rd November next.

The time allotted for precedence to General Business having expired, Government Business was called on.

9. WAYS AND MEANS [“ GRIEVANCE DAY ”].—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Ways and Means—

Question proposed—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-four minutes to 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. Bell, Mr. Bowden*, Mr. Donald Cameron, Mr. Albert Green, Sir Neville Howse*,
Mr. Hurry, Mr. Lacey, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Latham, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Ley*, Mr. W. Maloney,
Mr. Mann, Mr. Parker Moloney, Mr. Parsons, and Mr. Stewart.

*On leave.

E. W. PARKES,
Clerk-Assistant, House of Representatives.