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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

No. 173.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 17TH MAY, 1928.

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. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—LAW GOVERNING INFRINGEMENT OF COPYRIGHT BY LESSEES OF PUBLIC HALLS.—Mr. Latham (Attorney-General), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the liability of the lessees of public halls for infringement of copyright by the illegal performance of copyright compositions in those halls.
3. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (No. 2) (1927).—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. Makin, Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister), Mr. Charlton, and Mr. Roland Green, in turn addressing the House, and not having concluded their speeches at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257A—the honorable Members were given leave to continue their speeches.
Mr. Hughes addressing the House and not having concluded his speech—the House ordered that the Right 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 the next sitting.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, Message No. 131.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act relating to Compensation to Employees of the Commonwealth for Injuries suffered in the course of their Employment,*" and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,
Canberra, 17th May, 1928.

JOHN NEWLANDS,
President.
- Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) 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. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Development and Migration Commission—
Berry Fruit Industry of Tasmania—Report.
Fat Lamb and Pig Industries of Tasmania, and the utilization of the Somerset Freezing Works in connexion therewith—Report, with Appendix.
Tasmania—Investigation into present position—Second Interim Report, with Appendices.
Rural Credits—Report, issued by the Dominions Office, of the Committee on Rural Credits in Australia (prepared at the request of the Development and Migration Commission).
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

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6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eleven 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. Bell, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Grosvenor Francis, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Theodore, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Watt.

E. W. PARKES,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.