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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA, CANBERRA.

No. 178.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 29TH MAY, 1928.

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. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Development and Migration Commission—Dawson Valley Irrigation Scheme, Queensland—
Report.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Public Service Act—Appointments—Department of Health—

J. C. Spencer.

A. R. Tremain.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Federal Capital Commission (Finance) Regulations—
Statutory Rules 1928, No. 40.

3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—NINTH ASSEMBLY OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement announcing the personnel of the Australian Delegation to the Ninth Assembly of the League of Nations.
4. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—APPOINTMENT OF ROYAL COMMISSION—ALLEGED MONETARY OFFERS TO MEMBERS.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement announcing that the Government had appointed Judge Edward Scholes to act as a Royal Commissioner to inquire into certain statements made through the press to the effect that monetary offers had been made to certain Members of the House of Representatives to induce them to resign their seats in the House, and also announcing the terms of reference to the Commission.
5. 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. Latham (Attorney-General) addressing the House and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257A—the honorable Member was given leave to continue his speech.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 35.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Killen
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Latham
Mr. Bell	Mr. Ley
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Lister
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Marks
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Marr
Mr. Corser	Mr. Nott
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Perkins
Sir John Gellibrand	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Gregory	
Mr. Gullett	
Sir Neville Howse	
Mr. Hurry	
Mr. Jackson	

Tellers:

Mr. Hunter
Mr. Manning

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Mr. Anstey	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Brennan	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Theodore
Mr. Forde	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Lacey	Mr. West
Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. W. Maloney	
Mr. Mathews	
Mr. McGrath	

Tellers:

Mr. Fenton
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.

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(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 debated and agreed to.

Clause 2 agreed to.

Clause 3 debated and agreed to.

Clause 4 debated and agreed to.

Clause 5 agreed to.

Clause 6 debated and agreed to.

Clause 7—

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. 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 to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—
Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Grosvenor Francis, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hughes,
Sir Elliot Johnson, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Mann, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Parsons, Mr. Rodgers,
Mr. Seabrook, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Watt, and Mr. Yates.

E. W. PARKES,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.