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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

No. 8.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 21ST FEBRUARY, 1929.

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—PROPOSED AUSTRALIAN EXPEDITION TO ANTARCTIC—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the proposed Australian Expedition to the Antarctic, and having laid upon the Table a copy of the Statement, moved, That the Paper be printed.
Mr. Scullin 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 the next sitting.
3. DEATH OF THE HONORABLE JAMES HIERS MCCOLL.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) having announced, with deep regret, the death, on the 20th instant, of the Honorable James Hiers McColl, moved, by leave, That this House records its sincere regret in the death of the Honorable J. H. McColl, who was a Member of the House of Representatives, and this House expresses its appreciation of the enthusiasm and zeal with which he devoted himself to his public duties, and tenders its profound sympathy to his wife and family in their great sorrow.
And Mr. Scullin (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and all Members present having risen in silence—
Question—passed.
Resolved—That Mr. Speaker be requested to transmit to Mrs. McColl the foregoing Resolution, and a copy of the speeches delivered thereon.
4. ELECTORAL BILL (1929).—Mr. Latham (Attorney-General) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend section Two hundred and fourteen of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918-1928*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Latham then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Suspension of Standing Orders.—Mr. Latham moved, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.
Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the Members of the House.
Mr. Latham moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Latham, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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5. COAL INDUSTRY—PAPERS RELATING TO—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That the Paper [*laid on the Table on the 20th instant*] viz. :—Papers relating to the Coal Industry—be printed.

Mr. Bruce, addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257A, asked leave to continue his speech.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

Suspension of Standing Orders.—Mr. Latham (Attorney-General) moved, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the honorable Member to continue his speech.

Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the Members of the House. Mr. Bruce continued and concluded his speech.

The time arriving for the calling on of the Orders of the Day under Standing Order No. 119—

Suspension of Standing Orders.—Mr. Bruce moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as will enable Notice of Motion No. 2, Government Business, to take precedence over the remaining Business.

Question—put and passed.

Debate continued.

Mr. James 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.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—DESIGNS BILL (1929).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 4.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘ Designs Act 1906-1912 ’*”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

JOHN NEWLANDS,
President.

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Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) 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.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—ELECTORAL BILL (1929).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 5.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend section Two hundred and fourteen of the ‘ Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918-1928 ’*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

JOHN NEWLANDS,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 21st February, 1929.

8. FINANCIAL AGREEMENT VALIDATION BILL.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister), pursuant to leave given on the 8th instant, brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to validate an Agreement made the twelfth day of December One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven between the Commonwealth of Australia of the first part and the States of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania of the second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh parts respectively,*” and moved, That it 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.

9. COAL INDUSTRY—PAPERS RELATING TO—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister), That the Paper [*laid on the Table on the 20th instant*], viz. :—Papers relating to the Coal Industry—be printed—

Debate resumed.

Mr. James, addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257A, asked leave to continue his speech.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

Debate continued.

Question—That the Paper be printed—put and passed.

10. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister, the Chairman of Committees, the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Hurry, Mr. Earle Page, and Mr. Theodore be Members of the Standing Orders Committee ; three to form a quorum.

Question—put and passed.

11. HOUSE COMMITTEE.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That Mr. Speaker, Mr. Beasley, Mr. Bernard Corser, Mr. Culley, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Perkins, and Mr. E. C. Riley be Members of the House Committee ; three to form a quorum.

Question—put and passed.

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12. PRINTING COMMITTEE.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That Mr. Donald Cameron, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Lister, Mr. Mann, Mr. Parsons, Mr. Price, and Mr. Edward Riley be Members of the Printing Committee; three to form a quorum, with power to confer with a similar Committee of the Senate.

Question—put and passed.

13. LIBRARY COMMITTEE.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That Mr. Speaker, Mr. Blakeley, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Parkhill, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Tully be Members of the Library Committee; three to form a quorum.

Question—put and passed.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty 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. Curtin, Mr. Maxwell, and Mr. Parsons.

E. W. PARKES,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.