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# THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA, CANBERRA.

No. 11.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 28TH 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. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Elections, 1928—Statistical Returns showing the Voting within each Subdivision in relation to the Senate Election, 1928, and the General Elections for the House of Representatives, 1928, viz. :—

New South Wales.  
Queensland.  
South Australia.  
Tasmania.  
Western Australia.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

3. TASMANIA—OVERSEAS AND INTER-STATE MAIL AND TRANSPORT SERVICES.—Mr. McWilliams moved, pursuant to notice, That in the opinion of this House the mail and transport services between the mainland of Australia and Tasmania, and between Tasmania and the overseas markets, are quite inadequate and wholly unsatisfactory, consequently the progress and prosperity of Tasmania are very seriously retarded.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

4. RAILWAY FROM NORTHERN TERRITORY LINE ACROSS QUEENSLAND TO BOURKE, NEW SOUTH WALES.—Mr. Forde moved, pursuant to notice, That in the opinion of this House the Federal Government should take early action to convene a conference representative of the Governments of New South Wales, Queensland, and the Commonwealth, to consider the question of building a railway from the head of the Northern Territory line, across the Barkly Tableland to Camooweal, thence connecting up the three East-West Railway Systems in Queensland, with Bourke in New South Wales.

Mr. Forde 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, the 21st March.

5. SUPPLY [“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 Supply—

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.

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

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. Parsons and Mr. Watt.

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

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