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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

No. 15.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 7TH MARCH, 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. WITHDRAWAL OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Mr. Gregory, by leave, withdrew the Notice of Motion standing in his name with reference to the customs duty on imported fertilizers, and a bounty on fertilizers manufactured in Australia.
 3. JOINT COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—FIFTH GENERAL REPORT.—Mr. Prowse, for the Chairman, brought up the Fifth General Report of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, and moved, That it be printed.
Question—put and passed.
 4. PRIVILEGE—ALLEGED MISREPRESENTATION OF MEMBERS CONCERNING PROCEEDINGS IN THE HOUSE.—Mr. Brennan directed the attention of the House to a newspaper article in which the honorable Member for Maranoa (Mr. Hunter) had commented upon certain proceedings in the House, and, as a matter of Privilege, moved, That in the opinion of this House the honorable Member for Maranoa has been guilty of a breach of the privileges of the House, in that he gravely misrepresented the tenor and purpose of an amendment moved by the honorable Member for New England (Mr. Thompson) in connexion with the Committee proceedings on the Transport Workers Bill, and in that he failed to apologize or explain his action when called upon to do so.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
- It being more than two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the Orders of the Day were called on, in accordance with Standing Order No. 119.
5. FINANCIAL AGREEMENT VALIDATION BILL.—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—and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Mann, viz.:—That all the words after the word "Bill" be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof:—"be withdrawn with a view to the Government submitting to the States a revised State Debts Agreement which shall include the restoration of the per capita payments of twenty-five shillings per head for a period of at least ten years"—
Debate resumed.
Limitation of Debate.—At ten o'clock p.m., Mr Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted had expired—
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.
The House divided—

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Killen
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Latham
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bell	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Marr
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Collins	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Parsons
Mr. Grosvenor Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Graham Pratten
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Watt
Mr. Hill	
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Mr. Culley	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Forde	Mr. Theodore
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Mr. Lacey	Mr. Yates
Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Long	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Fenton
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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Further question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put.
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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.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2 debated.

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. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until half-past ten o'clock a.m. to-morrow.
Question—put and passed.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Marks.

E. W. PARKES,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.