

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA, CANBERRA.

No. 33.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH AUGUST, 1929.

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. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS—REPORT.—Mr. Malcolm Cameron, Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, brought up the following Report from the Committee :—

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed establishment of an Automatic Telephone Exchange at Caulfield East, Victoria.

Ordered to be printed.

3. PRIVILEGE—ALLEGED MIS-USE OF PARLIAMENT HOUSE.—Mr. Anstey directed the attention of the House to an extract from a newspaper article in which it was inferred that official stationery from Parliament House was used for certain political propaganda, and, as a matter of privilege, moved, That Mr. Speaker be requested to make inquiries into the statements appearing in the *Melbourne Herald* of the 27th instant to the effect that Parliament House, its precincts and its property are used by unauthorized persons, thereby disclosing a breach of the privileges of this House.

Debate ensued.

Closure.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 35.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Lister
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Mann
Mr. Bell	Mr. Marks
Mr. Bowden	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	

Tellers :

Sir Neville Howse	
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Hunter
Mr. Latham	Mr. Perkins

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Mr. Anstey	Mr. Martens
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Price
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Coleman	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Culley	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Theodore
Mr. Forde	Mr. Tully
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Watkins
Mr. James	Mr. West
Mr. Jones	Mr. Yates
Mr. Lacey	
Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Long	Mr. Fenton
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Makin

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—was put accordingly and negatived.

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4. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute—

Commonwealth Bank Act—Balance-sheets of Commonwealth Bank and Commonwealth Savings Bank at 30th June, 1929, and Statement of the Liabilities and Assets of the Note Issue Department at 30th June, 1929; together with the Auditor-General's Reports thereon.

The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

High Commissioner of the Commonwealth in the United Kingdom—Report for 1928.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1929, Nos. 85, 86, 87.

Naval Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1929, Nos. 83, 84, 90.

Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinances of 1929—

No. 16—Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

No. 17—Rates (No. 3).

5. MARITIME INDUSTRIES 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—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Theodore 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.

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.

Debate continued.

Mr. Parkhill 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.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Gibson (Postmaster-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-three 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. Blakeley, Mr. Hurry, Mr. Killen, Mr. Marr, Mr. Mathews, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Scullin, and Mr. White.

E. W. PARKES,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.