

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

No. 34.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 29TH AUGUST, 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. 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 Telephone Communication between Perth and the Eastern States.

Ordered to be printed.

3. MARKETING OF RURAL PRODUCTS—PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION.—Mr. Bernard Corser moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, steps should be taken to induce the States to agree to an amendment of the Constitution which would permit of an Australian organization with complete sectional control of internal and external marketing of each rural product by the producers of such commodity.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Thomas Paterson (Minister for Markets and Transport) 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 Thursday, 19th September next.

It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the Order of the Day (General Business) was called on, in accordance with Standing Order No. 119.

4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1, General Business, be postponed until Thursday, 19th September next.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES OF MOTION.—Ordered—That Notice of Motion No. 2, General Business, be postponed until Thursday, 10th October next, and Notice of Motion No. 3, General Business, be postponed until Thursday 19th September next.
6. TOBACCO-GROWING INDUSTRY—SELECT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Thompson moved, pursuant to notice amended—
  - (1) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the position of the Tobacco-growing Industry of Australia, with special regard to the following aspects :—
    - (a) The request of the growers submitted to the Prime Minister at Canberra in May, 1928, for a bounty on Australian-grown leaf ;
    - (b) The alternative request of the growers, submitted on the same occasion, for an increase in the duty on imported leaf and a decrease in the excise duty on locally-grown leaf ;
    - (c) As to whether the arrangement entered into between the Commonwealth Government, certain States, and the British-Australasian Tobacco Company, to carry out experiments in the growing of tobacco leaf in Australia, is in the best interests of the growers ; and
    - (d) As to whether, in the best interests of the growers, the arrangement should be altered so as to ensure that the Federal direction of experimental work should be made a permanent phase of the tobacco-growing industry in Australia.
  - (2) That the Committee consist of Mr. Bernard Corser, Mr. Jones, Mr. Lister, Mr. Martens and the Mover, three to form a quorum.
  - (3) That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers and records, to adjourn from place to place, and have leave to report from time to time its proceedings and the evidence taken.
  - (4) That the Committee report to the House on the 26th February, 1930.

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Debate ensued.

Mr. Gregory addressing the House—

*Closure*.—Mr. Thompson moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put, was passed.

7. **WITHDRAWAL OF NOTICE OF MOTION.**—Mr. Fenton withdrew the Notice of Motion standing in his name with reference to Broadcasting Companies.
8. **POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES OF MOTION.**—Ordered—That Notices of Motion Nos. 6, 7, 8 and 10, General Business, be postponed until Thursday, 19th September next, Notice of Motion No. 9, General Business, be postponed until Thursday, 10th October next, and Notice of Motion No. 11, General Business, be postponed until Thursday, 21st November next.
9. **WAYS AND MEANS** [“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 Ways and Means—  
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.
10. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Gibson (Postmaster-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock a.m.

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**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. Earle Page, Mr. Scullin and Mr. White.

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