

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA, CANBERRA.

No. 36.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER, 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. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Federal Capital Commission—Report for quarter ended 30th June, 1929.
Transport in Australia—Report on Co-ordination of Transport by the Commonwealth Transport Committee, dated 9th May, 1929, together with Summary.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Tariff Board Act—Tariff Board—Annual Report for 1928-29, together with Schedule of Recommendations.
Ordered—That the Report be printed.
New Guinea Act—Ordinances of 1929—
No. 11—Expropriation.
No. 12—Administrator's Powers (No. 2).
Northern Australia Act—North Australia Commission—Second Annual Report, for period 1st July, 1927, to 31st December, 1928.
Public Service Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1929, No. 91.
3. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—HURSTVILLE, NEW SOUTH WALES—AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE EXCHANGE.—Mr. Gibson (Minister for Works and Railways) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1921*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report :—Hurstville, New South Wales—Establishment of Automatic Telephone Exchange.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) 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.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Ordered—That Notice of Motion No. 2, Government Business, be postponed until after the Orders of the Day.
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. Lazzarini 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. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PERMANENT COURT OF INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the decision of the Governments of the British Empire to sign the optional clause of Article 36 of the Statute of the Permanent Court of International Justice.

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7. 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. Grosvenor Francis 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.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eighteen 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. Killen, Mr. Marr, Mr. Mathews, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Scullin, and Mr. White.

E. W. PARKES,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.