THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA, CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE REPRESENTATIVES. OF

No. 123.

THURSDAY, 22ND OCTOBER, 1936.

- 1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2. Kennedy Electoral Division-Issue of Writ.-Mr. Speaker informed the House that it was his intention to issue a Writ, on Thursday, the 5th November next, for the Election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Kennedy, in the State of Queensland, in the place of Mr. David Riordan, deceased. The dates in connexion with the Election would be fixed as follows:—

Date of Issue of Writ Thursday, 5th November, 1936. Date of Nomination Monday, 16th November, 1936. Date of Polling Saturday, 12th December, 1936. Date of Return of Writ On or before Friday, 15th January, 1937.

3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Canned Fruits Export Control Act -Tenth Annual Report of the Canned Fruits Control Board, for year 1935-36, together with Statement by the Minister regarding the operation of the Act.

Ordered to be printed.

Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance of 1936—No. 42—Industrial Board (No. 3).

- 4. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (MARKETING) 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 by Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition), who moved, as an amendment, That all the words after "That" be omitted and the following words be inserted in place thereof:—"this House is of opinion that the proposed alteration of the Constitution is inadequate, and that the Referendum costing approximately £100,000 should have for its purpose such alteration of the Constitution as would grant to this Parliament wider and more comprehensive powers ".

Debate continued.

Mr. Josiah 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.
- 5. Adjournment.—Sir Archdale Parkhill (Minister for Defence) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Debate ensued. Question—put and passed.
- And then the House, at seventeen minutes past ten o'clock p.m., 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. Aubrey Abbott, Mr. Roland Green, and Mr. Hunter.

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