

# THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 1.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FIRST SESSION OF THE NINTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 1923.

The Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia begun and held in Parliament House, in the City of Melbourne, on Wednesday, the twenty-eighth day of February, in the thirteenth year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Fifth, and in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three—

1. On which day, being the first day of the meeting of The Parliament for the despatch of business pursuant to a Proclamation (hereinafter set forth), Walter Augustus Gale, C.M.G., Clerk of the House of Representatives, Francis Laurence Clapin, Clerk Assistant, Edward Theodor Hubert, Second Clerk Assistant, and John Robert McGregor, Serjeant-at-Arms, attending in the House according to their duty, the said Proclamation was read at the Table by the Clerk :—

### PROCLAMATION

Commonwealth of Australia to Wit.  
 FORSTER,  
 Governor-General.

By His Excellency the Right Honorable Henry William, Baron Forster, a Member of His Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Commonwealth of Australia.

WHEREAS by the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act it is amongst other things enacted that the Governor-General may appoint such times for holding the Sessions of the Parliament as he thinks fit: Now therefore I, Henry William, Baron Forster, the Governor-General aforesaid, in exercise of the power conferred by the said Act, do by this my Proclamation appoint Wednesday, the twenty-eighth day of February One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three as the day for the said Parliament to assemble and be holden for the despatch of divers urgent and important affairs, and all Senators and Members of the House of Representatives are hereby required to give their attendance accordingly, in the building known as the Houses of Parliament, situate in Spring-street, in the City of Melbourne, at the hour of 10.30 o'clock a.m. on the said twenty-eighth day of February, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Commonwealth of Australia aforesaid this fourteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, in the thirteenth year of His Majesty's reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

(L.S.) S. M. BRUCE.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

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2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY'S DEPUTIES BY THE USHER OF THE BLACK ROD.—The following Message was delivered by the Usher of the Black Rod :—

The Deputies of His Excellency the Governor-General for the opening of Parliament request the attendance of this honorable House in the Senate Chamber forthwith.

Accordingly the Members of the House of Representatives went to the Senate Chamber, where the Senior Deputy addressed the Members of both Houses as follows :—

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES :

His Excellency the Governor-General not thinking fit to be present in person at this time has been pleased to cause Letters Patent to issue under the great seal of the Commonwealth constituting us his Deputies to do in his name all that is necessary to be performed in declaring this Parliament open, as will more fully appear from the Letters Patent which will now be read.

The Commission was read, as follows :—

*His Excellency the Right Honorable HENRY WILLIAM, BARON FORSTER, a Member of His Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Commonwealth of Australia :*

To the Right Honorable Sir Adrian Knox, a Member of His Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia,

and

The Right Honorable Isaac Alfred Isaacs, a Member of His Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, a Justice of the High Court of Australia.

Greeting :

WHEREAS by Letters Patent dated the twenty-ninth day of October, One thousand nine hundred, passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, constituting the Office of Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the said Commonwealth, Her late Majesty, Queen Victoria, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon Her by the Constitution of the Commonwealth, was pleased to authorize and empower the Governor-General of the Commonwealth, subject to any limitations expressed or directions given by Her, to appoint any person or persons, jointly or severally, to be his Deputy or Deputies within any part of the Commonwealth, and in that capacity to exercise, during his pleasure, such of his powers and functions as he might deem it necessary to assign to him or them : Provided always that the appointment of such Deputy or Deputies should not affect the exercise by the Governor-General himself of any power or function :

AND WHEREAS by Proclamation dated the fourteenth day of February, and published in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette* on the fifteenth day of February, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, the twenty-eighth day of February, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, was appointed as the day for the Parliament of the Commonwealth to assemble and be holden for the despatch of divers urgent and important affairs ; and all Senators and Members of the House of Representatives were thereby required to give their attendance accordingly, in the building known as the Houses of Parliament, situate in Spring-street, in the City of Melbourne, at the hour of half-past Ten o'clock on the day and date aforesaid :

Now Know You that in pursuance of the powers and authority vested in me by the Constitution and the said Letters Patent, I, HENRY WILLIAM, BARON FORSTER, the Governor-General aforesaid, do hereby appoint you to be my Deputies for the purpose of declaring open the said Parliament at the time and place aforesaid.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Commonwealth of Australia, this twentieth day of February, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, and in the thirteenth year of His Majesty's reign.

(L.S.)

FORSTER,

Governor-General.

By His Excellency's Command,

S. M. BRUCE.

The Senior Deputy then said :—

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES :

We have it in command from the Governor-General to let you know that, as soon as the Members of the House of Representatives shall have been sworn, the causes of His Excellency calling this Parliament will be declared by him in person at this place ; and it being necessary that a Speaker of the House of Representatives shall be first chosen, you, Gentlemen of the House of Representatives, will retire to the place where you are to sit, and there proceed to the choice of some proper person to be your Speaker ; and thereafter you will present the person whom you shall so choose to His Excellency, at such time and place as he shall appoint.

Mr. Justice Isaacs will attend in the House of Representatives for the purpose of administering the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to honorable Members of that House.

And thereupon the Members of the House returned to their own Chamber, and, after an interval of some minutes—

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3. COMMISSIONER TO ADMINISTER THE OATH TO MEMBERS.—The Right Honorable Isaac Alfred Isaacs, a Justice of the High Court of Australia, having been ushered into the Chamber and conducted by the Serjeant-at-Arms to the Chair, handed to the Clerk at the Table a Commission, which was read and is as follows :—

*His Excellency the Right Honorable HENRY WILLIAM, BARON FORSTER, a Member of His Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Commonwealth of Australia :*

To the Right Honorable Isaac Alfred Isaacs, a Member of His Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, a Justice of the High Court of Australia.

Greeting :

WHEREAS by the forty-second section of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia it is enacted that every Senator and every Member of the House of Representatives shall, before taking his seat, make and subscribe before the Governor-General, or some person authorized by him, an Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance in the form set forth in the Schedule to the aforesaid Constitution :

NOW THEREFORE I, the Governor-General aforesaid, do by these presents command and authorize you to attend at Parliament House, Melbourne, on Wednesday, the twenty-eighth day of February, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, at half-past Ten o'clock a.m., there and then to administer the Oath or Affirmation to such Members of the House of Representatives as are present.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Commonwealth of Australia, this twentieth day of February, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three.

(L.S.) FORSTER,  
Governor-General.

By His Excellency's Command,  
S. M. BRUCE.

4. RETURNS TO WRITS FOR GENERAL ELECTION.—The Clerk announced that he had received from the Official Secretary to His Excellency the Governor-General returns to 75 of the Writs for the General Election of the House of Representatives held on 16th December, 1922, and that the return to the Writ for the election of a Member for the Northern Territory had not yet been received by him.

By the said Returns it appeared that for the several Electoral Divisions of the States the following gentlemen had been elected, as shown hereunder :—

Division.	State.	Name.
Adelaide	.. South Australia	.. George Edwin Yates.
Angas	.. South Australia	.. Joel Moses Gabb.
Balaclava	.. Victoria	.. William Alexander Watt.
Ballaarat..	.. Victoria	.. David Charles McGrath.
Barker	.. South Australia	.. Malcolm Duncan Cameron.
Barton	.. New South Wales	.. Frederick Albert McDonald.
Bass	.. Tasmania	.. David Sydney Jackson.
Batman	.. Victoria	.. Frank Brennan.
Bendigo	.. Victoria	.. Geoffrey Hurry.
Boothby	.. South Australia	.. John Grant Duncan-Hughes.
Bourke	.. Victoria	.. Frank Anstey.
Brisbane	.. Queensland	.. Donald Charles Cameron.
Calare	.. New South Wales	.. Neville Reginald Howse.
Capricornia	.. Queensland	.. Francis Michael Forde.
Cook	.. New South Wales	.. Edward Charles Riley.
Corangamite	.. Victoria	.. William Gerrand Gibson.
Corio	.. Victoria	.. John Henry Lister.
Cowper	.. New South Wales	.. Earle Christmas Grafton Page.
Dalley	.. New South Wales	.. William George Mahony.
Darling	.. New South Wales	.. Arthur Blakeley.
Darling Downs	.. Queensland	.. Littleton Ernest Groom.
Darwin	.. Tasmania	.. Joshua Thomas Hoskins Whitsitt.
Denison	.. Tasmania	.. David John O'Keefe.
East Sydney	.. New South Wales	.. John Edward West.
Echuca	.. Victoria	.. William Caldwell Hill.
Eden-Monaro	.. New South Wales	.. Austin Chapman.
Fawkner	.. Victoria	.. George Arnot Maxwell.
Flinders	.. Victoria	.. Stanley Melbourne Bruce.
Forrest	.. Western Australia	.. John Henry Prowse.
Franklin	.. Tasmania	.. Alfred Charles Seabrook.
Fremantle	.. Western Australia	.. William Watson.
Gippsland	.. Victoria	.. Thomas Paterson.
Grey	.. South Australia	.. Andrew William Lacey.

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Division.	State.	Name.
Gwydir .. ..	New South Wales	Lucien Lawrence Cunningham.
Henty .. ..	Victoria .. ..	Frederick Henry Francis.
Herbert .. ..	Queensland .. ..	Frederick William Bamford.
Hindmarsh .. ..	South Australia	Norman John Oswald Makin.
Hume .. ..	New South Wales	Parker John Moloney.
Hunter .. ..	New South Wales	Matthew Charlton.
Indi .. ..	Victoria .. ..	Robert Cook.
Kalgoorlie .. ..	Western Australia	Albert Ernest Green.
Kennedy .. ..	Queensland .. ..	Charles McDonald.
Kooyong .. ..	Victoria .. ..	John Greig Latham.
Lang .. ..	New South Wales	William Elliot Johnson.
Lilley .. ..	Queensland .. ..	George Hugh Mackay.
Macquarie .. ..	New South Wales	Arthur Gibson Manning.
Maranoa .. ..	Queensland .. ..	James Aitchieson Johnston Hunter.
Maribyrnong .. ..	Victoria .. ..	James Edward Fenton.
Martin .. ..	New South Wales	Herbert Edward Pratten.
Melbourne .. ..	Victoria .. ..	William Robert Nuttall Maloney.
Melbourne Ports .. ..	Victoria .. ..	James Mathews.
Moreton .. ..	Queensland .. ..	Josiah Francis.
Newcastle .. ..	New South Wales	David Watkins.
New England .. ..	New South Wales	Victor Charles Thompson.
North Sydney .. ..	New South Wales	William Morris Hughes.
Oxley .. ..	Queensland .. ..	James Garfield Bayley.
Parkes .. ..	New South Wales	Charles William Cieran Marr.
Parramatta .. ..	New South Wales	Eric Kendall Bowden.
Perth .. ..	Western Australia	Edward Alexander Mann.
Reid .. ..	New South Wales	Percy Edmund Coleman.
Richmond .. ..	New South Wales	Roland Frederick Herbert Green.
Riverina .. ..	New South Wales	William Wilson Killen.
Robertson .. ..	New South Wales	Sydney Lane Gardner.
South Sydney .. ..	New South Wales	Edward Riley.
Swan .. ..	Western Australia	Henry Gregory.
Wakefield .. ..	South Australia	Richard Witty Foster.
Wannon .. ..	Victoria .. ..	John McNeill.
Warringah .. ..	New South Wales	Granville de Laune Rylie.
Wentworth .. ..	New South Wales	Walter Moffitt Marks.
Werriwa .. ..	New South Wales	Hubert Peter Lazzarini.
West Sydney .. ..	New South Wales	William Henry Lambert.
Wide Bay .. ..	Queensland .. ..	Edward Bernard Cresset Corser.
Wilmot .. ..	Tasmania .. ..	Llewelyn Atkinson.
Wimmera .. ..	Victoria .. ..	Percy Gerald Stewart.
Yarra .. ..	Victoria .. ..	James Henry Scullin.

5. MEMBERS SWORN.—The Members whose names are above set forth made and subscribed the Oath required by law, except Mr. Josiah Francis and Mr. Hunter (who were not then present) The Commissioner retired.

6. ELECTION OF SPEAKER.—Mr. Mackay, addressing himself to the Clerk (who, standing up, pointed to him, and then sat down), proposed to the House for its Speaker, the Right Honorable William Alexander Watt, and moved, That he do take the Chair of the House as Speaker, which motion was seconded by Mr. Robert Cook.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Watt submitted himself to the House.

Debate continued.

The House then unanimously calling Mr. Watt to the Chair, he was taken out of his place by Mr. Mackay and Mr. Robert Cook and conducted to the Chair, where, standing on the upper step, he returned his humble acknowledgments to the House for the great honour it had been pleased to confer upon him by choosing him to be its Speaker, and thereupon he sat down in the Chair.

Then the Mace, which before lay under the Table, was laid upon the Table.

Then Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister), Mr. Charlton (Leader of the Opposition), and Mr. Anstey congratulated Mr. Speaker, who expressed his thanks.

7. PRESENTATION OF THE SPEAKER.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) stated that he had already ascertained that it would be His Excellency's pleasure to receive the Speaker in the Library of the Parliament that day at fifteen minutes to three o'clock p.m.

And the sitting of the House having been suspended until fifteen minutes to three o'clock p.m.—

Mr. Speaker, after resuming the Chair, went with the Members of the House to attend His Excellency; and, having returned, Mr. Speaker reported that the House had proceeded to the Library of the Parliament, and that he had presented himself to His Excellency the Governor-General as the choice of the House of Representatives, and that His Excellency had been kind enough to congratulate him upon his election.

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8. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL BY THE USHER OF THE BLACK ROD.—The following Message was delivered by the Usher of the Black Rod :—

MR. SPEAKER,

His Excellency the Governor-General desires the attendance of this honorable House in the Senate Chamber forthwith.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker with the Members of the House went to attend His Excellency :—And having returned.—

9. COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER OATH TO MEMBERS.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received from His Excellency the Governor-General the following Commission :—

*His Excellency the Right Honorable HENRY WILLIAM, BARON FORSTER, a Member of His Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Commonwealth of Australia:*

To the Right Honorable William Alexander Watt, P.C., M.P., Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia.

Greeting :

WHEREAS by the forty-second section of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia it is enacted that every Member of the House of Representatives shall, before taking his seat, make and subscribe before the Governor-General, or some person authorized by him, an Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance in the form set forth in the Schedule to the aforesaid Constitution :

NOW THEREFORE I, the Governor-General aforesaid, do by these presents command and authorize you from time to time in the Parliament House of the Commonwealth in the City of Melbourne to administer the said Oath to such Members of the House of Representatives as have not already taken and subscribed the same since their election to the said House of Representatives.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Commonwealth of Australia, at Melbourne, this twenty-eighth day of February, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three.

(I.S.) FORSTER,  
Governor-General.

By His Excellency's Command,  
S. M. BRUCE.

10. MEMBER SWORN.—Mr. Hunter made and subscribed the Oath required by law.
11. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—FORMATION OF NEW MINISTRY.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) announced to the House that the Right Honorable William Morris Hughes had tendered his resignation to His Excellency the Governor-General, and that His Excellency was pleased to accept it. His Excellency had thereupon requested him (Mr. Bruce) to form an Administration, and he had done so. The Offices had been allotted as follows :—
- The Honorable STANLEY MELBOURNE BRUCE, M.C., M.P., to be Prime Minister and Minister of State for External Affairs;
  - The Honorable EARLE CHRISTMAS GRAFTON PAGE, M.P., to be Treasurer;
  - Senator the Right Honorable GEORGE FOSTER PEARCE, to be Minister of State for Home and Territories;
  - The Honorable LITTLETON ERNEST GROOM, M.P., to be Attorney-General;
  - The Honorable WILLIAM GERRAND GIBSON, M.P., to be Postmaster-General;
  - The Honorable AUSTIN CHAPMAN, M.P., to be Minister of State for Trade and Customs and Minister of State for Health;
  - The Honorable PERCY GERALD STEWART, M.P., to be Minister of State for Works and Railways;
  - The Honorable ERIC KENDALL BOWDEN, M.P., to be Minister of State for Defence;
  - The Honorable LLEWELYN ATKINSON, M.P., to be Vice-President of the Executive Council;
  - Senator the Honorable REGINALD VICTOR WILSON, to be Honorary Minister;
  - Senator the Honorable THOMAS WILLIAM CRAWFORD, to be Honorary Minister.

Mr. Bruce informed honorable Members that in the House of Representatives the Honorable L. Atkinson would represent the Minister for Home and Territories.

12. NEW GUINEA BILL (1923).—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend section fourteen of the *New Guinea Act 1920*.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Bruce then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

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13. HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—Mr. Speaker reported that the House had that day attended His Excellency the Governor-General in the Senate Chamber, when His Excellency was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of the Parliament, of which Mr. Speaker said he had, for greater accuracy, obtained a copy, which read as follows :—

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES :

1. Your attendance has been required at this date in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, and for the purpose of enabling my Advisers to meet Parliament.

2. After the General Election held on 16th December last, the Prime Minister tendered the resignations of himself and his colleagues, and I have appointed new Advisers, who assumed office on the ninth day of February.

3. It affords me pleasure, on this the first meeting of the Ninth Parliament of the Commonwealth, to be able to congratulate you upon the sound condition of the trade, commerce, and industries of Australia. There are indications to justify belief in the continuance of these conditions.

4. In view of the recent assumption of office by my Advisers, time is required for the preparation of measures to give effect to their policy. You will be invited to reassemble as early as practicable to consider a definite programme of legislation.

5. My Ministers have under consideration subjects of a national character in which the Commonwealth and States are jointly concerned. Prior to the next meeting of the Parliament it is proposed by my Advisers to invite the Governments of the States to confer with them on these matters.

Commending your deliberations to the guidance of Divine Providence, I now leave you to the discharge of your high and honorable duties.

14. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That a Committee, consisting of Mr. Hurry, Mr. Roland Green and the Mover, be appointed to prepare an Address in Reply to the Speech delivered by His Excellency the Governor-General to both Houses of the Parliament, and that the Committee do report this day.

Question—put and passed.

15. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Norfolk Island—Report of the Administrator for the year ended 30th June, 1922.  
Postmaster-General's Department—Twelfth Annual Report, 1921-22.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—

Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—

No. 21 of 1922—Postal Sorters' Union of Australia.

No. 22 of 1922—Commonwealth Foremen's Association.

No. 23 of 1922—Australian Postal Electricians' Union.

No. 24 of 1922—Australian Postal Linemen's Union.

No. 25 of 1922—General Division Officers' Union, Trade and Customs Department.

No. 26 of 1922—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.

No. 27 of 1922—Commonwealth Postmasters' Association.

No. 1 of 1923—Federated Public Service Assistants' Association.

No. 2 of 1923—Commonwealth Telegraph Traffic and Supervisory Officers' Association.

Audit Act—

Transfers of Amounts approved by the Governor-General in Council—Financial Year 1922-23—Dated 31st January, 1923.

Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—

Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1922, No. 138, 193.

Commercial Activities Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1922, No. 166.

Customs Act—

Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1922, Nos. 139, 140, 182.

Defence Act—

Regulations Amended—

Statutory Rules 1922, Nos. 156, 157, 158, 159, 177, 178, 194, 195, 197.

Statutory Rules 1923, Nos. 2, 8, 9, 10.

Royal Military College—Report for 1921-22.

Defence Act and Naval Defence Act—

Air Force Regulations—Statutory Rules 1922, No. 160.

Air Board Regulations—Statutory Rules 1922, No. 161.

Defence Retirement Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1922, No. 196.

Electoral Act and Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1922, No. 163.

Excise Act—Regulations Amended—

Statutory Rules 1922, Nos. 141, 171.

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Excise Act and Excise Tariff—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1922, No. 183.

High Court Procedure Act—Rules of Court—Rules *re* Sittings—

Dated 1st November, 1922.

Dated 13th December, 1922.

Income Tax Assessment Act—

Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1922, No. 150.

Regulations—

Statutory Rules 1922, No. 200.

Statutory Rules 1923, No. 12.

Inscribed Stock Act—Dealings and Transactions during year ended 30th June, 1922.

Institute of Science and Industry Act—First Annual Report (18th March, 1921, to 30th June, 1922).

Land Tax Assessment Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1922, No. 199.

Lands Acquisition Act—

Land acquired under, at—

Adelaide, South Australia—For Commonwealth Bank purposes.

Albert Park, Victoria—For Postal purposes.

Ballarat, Victoria—For Postal purposes.

Belgrave, Victoria—For Postal purposes.

Branxton, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.

Brighton, Victoria—For Postal purposes.

Carnegie, Victoria—For Postal purposes.

Cootamundra, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.

Corfield, Queensland—For Postal purposes.

Dirranbandi, Queensland—For Postal purposes.

East Melbourne, Victoria—For Postal purposes.

Elsternwick, Victoria—For Postal purposes.

Fairfield, Victoria—For Postal purposes.

Henley Beach, South Australia—For Postal purposes.

Hyde Park South Australia—For Postal purposes.

Indooroopilly, Queensland—For Postal purposes.

Kununoppin, Western Australia—For Postal purposes.

Malanda, Queensland—For Postal purposes (in lieu of Paper presented 29th June, 1922).

Manjimupp, Western Australia—For Postal purposes.

Mayfield, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.

Mildura, Victoria—For Postal purposes.

Millmerran, Queensland—For Postal purposes.

Neutral Bay, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.

Nungarin, Western Australia—For Postal purposes.

Outer Harbour, South Australia—For Postal purposes.

Owen, South Australia—For Postal purposes.

Port Kembla, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.

Sorell, Tasmania—For Postal purposes.

Sydney, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.

Tanunda, South Australia—For Postal purposes.

Thornbury, Victoria—For Postal purposes.

Wamberal, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.

Whyalla, South Australia—For Postal purposes.

Meat Export Bounties Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1922, No. 181.

Nationality Act—Return for year 1922.

Naval Defence Act—

Naval Reserve Regulations—Statutory Rules 1922, No. 165.

Regulations Amended—

Statutory Rules 1922, Nos. 164, 175, 176, 179.

Statutory Rules 1923, No. 1.

New Guinea Act—

Ordinances of 1922—

No. 31—Timber (No. 2).

No. 32—Land (No. 2).

No. 33—Native Administration.

No. 34—Gaming.

No. 35—Commerce (Trade Descriptions).

No. 36—Supply (No. 3) 1922-23.

No. 37—Commerce (Trade Descriptions) (No. 2).

No. 38—Public Service (No. 3).

No. 39—Native Administration (No. 2).

No. 40—Birds and Animals Protection.

No. 41—Customs Tariff.

No. 42—Laws Repeal and Adopting.

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## Ordinances of 1923—

- No. 1—Land.
- No. 2—Administrator's Powers.
- No. 3—Licences.
- No. 4—Supply (No. 4) 1922-23.

## Norfolk Island Act—

Preserved Fish Bounties Ordinance—Regulations Amended.

## Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—

Public Service Ordinance—Regulations Amended—  
 Dated 24th October, 1922.  
 Dated 6th February, 1923.

## Ordinances of 1922—

- No. 15—Jurors and Witnesses Payment (No. 2).
- No. 16—Taxation.

## Ordinance of 1923—

- No. 1—Registration of Firms.

## Northern Territory Representation Act and Electoral Act—

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1922, No. 154.

Regulations Amended—

- Statutory Rules 1922, Nos. 167, 168.
- Statutory Rules 1923, No. 5.

## Papua Act—

## Ordinances of 1922—

- No. 4—Customs (Export) Tariff.
- No. 5—Appropriation 1921-22.
- No. 6—Supplementary Appropriation (No. 1) 1921-22.
- No. 7—Supply (No. 1) 1922-23.
- No. 8—Supplementary Appropriation (No. 2) 1921-22.
- No. 9—Appropriation 1922-23.
- No. 10—Quarantine.
- No. 11—Customs Tariff.
- No. 12—Native (Half-caste) Children.
- No. 13—Bank Holidays.
- No. 14—Appropriation (No. 2) 1922-23.

## Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations Amended—

Statutory Rules 1922, Nos. 83, 91, 92, 103, 115, 133, 134, 172, 173.

Statutory Rules 1923, Nos. 3, 11.

## Public Service Act—

List of Permanent Officers of the Commonwealth Public Service, as on 30th June, 1922.

Appointments and Promotions—Department of—

## Health—

Dr. R. E. Butchart.

## Postmaster-General—

R. P. Tate.

## Prime Minister's Department—

R. Ford.

G. P. Gay.

W. N. Rowse.

F. G. Thorpe.

## Trade and Customs—

A. D. Allanson.

W. L. Atkinson.

## Treasury—

W. F. Crace-Calvert.

R. W. Hamilton.

J. F. Hughes.

## Works and Railways—

J. Fleming.

H. H. Paterson.

H. W. Phillips.

## Regulations Amended—

Statutory Rules 1922, Nos. 137, 149, 152, 153.

Statutory Rules 1923, No. 4.

## Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—

## Ordinance of 1922—

- No. 6—Noxious Weeds.

## Shale Oil Bounty Act—Return for 1921-22.



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War Service Homes Act—

Land acquired under, in—

New South Wales, at—Concord (2), Croydon, Deniliquin, Double Bay, East Maitland, East Moree, East Orange, Enfield, Gladesville, Goulburn, Granville, Hamilton (2), Lidcombe, Mascot, Parramatta, Randwick, Ryde, Undercliffe, Wauchope.

16. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—Mr. Hurry brought up the Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech, prepared by the Committee appointed this day, and the same was read by the Clerk, as follows :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, beg to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament.

Mr. Hurry moved, That the Address be agreed to by the House.

Mr. Roland Green seconded the motion.

Mr. Charlton 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 to-morrow.

17. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES.—Mr. Pratten moved, That the honorable Member for Herbert (the Honorable Frederick William Bamford) be appointed Chairman of Committees of this House, which motion was seconded by Mr. Hunter.

Mr. Brennan moved, That the honorable Member for Denison (the Honorable David John O'Keefe) be appointed Chairman of Committees of this House, which motion was seconded by Mr. Mahony.

Question—That the honorable Member for Herbert (the Honorable Frederick William Bamford) be appointed Chairman of Committees of this House—put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Bamford made his acknowledgments to the House, and was congratulated by Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) and Mr. Charlton (Leader of the Opposition).

18. TIME OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at half past two o'clock p.m.

Question—put and passed.

19. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at two minutes past six o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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

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WALTER A. GALE,  
Clerk of the House of Representatives.