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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 10.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 29TH JUNE, 1923.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. **WITHDRAWAL OF NOTICE OF MOTION *re* NORTHERN TERRITORY CROWN LANDS ORDINANCE.**—At the request of Mr. Makin, the Notice of Motion (No. 5, General Business), standing in his name with reference to the disallowance of Ordinance No. 7 of 1923, relating to Crown Lands in the Northern Territory was, by leave, withdrawn from the Notice Paper. [*See entry No. 4 below.*]
3. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
New Guinea Act—Ordinances of 1923—
No. 20—Land (No. 2).
No. 21—Succession Duties.
No. 22—Native Labour (No. 2).
No. 23—Appropriation, 1922-23.
4. **ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.**—Mr. Nelson rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "An Ordinance relating to Crown lands in the Northern Territory and the desirability of its cancellation."
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—
Mr. Nelson moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Statement by Mr. Speaker.—Mr. Speaker stated that the standing orders provided that a matter on the Notice Paper must not be anticipated, and it had been ruled on several occasions that a Notice of Motion being still on the Notice Paper on the day of its withdrawal the matter to which it related could not be discussed at that day's sitting. That rule would still be followed, but in the present instance, in view of the great urgency of the matter and the fact that the mover of the adjournment motion had special responsibilities, some relaxation of the usual procedure had been permitted. [*See entry No. 2 above.*]
Question—put and negatived.
5. **AIR DEFENCE BILL.**—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Bowden (Minister for Defence) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
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 the next sitting.

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6. DEFENCE BILL (1923).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Bowden (Minister for Defence) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
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 the next sitting.
7. CUSTOMS BILL (1923).—Mr. Austin Chapman (Minister for Trade and Customs), pursuant to leave given on the 27th instant, brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to amend the Customs Act 1901–1922*”, 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 the next sitting.
8. BEER EXCISE BILL (1923).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Austin Chapman (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
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 the next sitting.
9. EXCISE BILL (1923).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Austin Chapman (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
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 the next sitting.
10. DISTILLATION BILL (1923).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Austin Chapman (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
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 the next sitting.
11. SPIRITS BILL (1923).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Austin Chapman (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
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 the next sitting.
12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 7 be postponed until the next sitting, and that Orders of the Day Nos. 8, 9, 10, and 11, be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 15.
13. SEAMEN'S COMPENSATION BILL (1923).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Austin Chapman (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
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 the next sitting.
14. SEA-CARRIAGE OF GOODS BILL (1923).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Austin Chapman (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
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 the next sitting.
15. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY BILL (NO. 1) 1923–24.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—
- MR. SPEAKER, Message No. 2.
- The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.
- THOS. GIVENS,
President.
- The Senate,
Melbourne, 29th June, 1923.
16. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 14 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 15.
17. BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
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 the next sitting.

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18. TIME OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
19. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—CONVERSION LOAN OF £38,700,000.—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer), by leave, made a Ministerial statement in connexion with the Conversion Loan of £38,700,000.
20. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-seven minutes to five o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—
Mr. Donald Cameron, Mr. Fenton, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Albert Green, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Killen, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Charles McDonald, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Pratten, Sir Granville Ryrie, and Mr. Stewart.

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