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No. 25.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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WEDNESDAY, 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 1926.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.
2. ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.—The Clerk, at the Table, having informed the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Sir Littleton Groom), the Chairman of Committees (Mr. Bayley) took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, and read Prayers.
3. MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER—EXTENSION OF POWERS.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That the Chairman of Committees shall on each sitting day, during the absence of Mr. Speaker, take the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, and may perform the duties and exercise the authority of Mr. Speaker during such absence.  
Question—put and passed.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determination by the Arbitrator, &c.—No. 27 of 1925—  
Commonwealth Storemen and Packers' Union.  
Audit Act—Transfers of Amounts approved by the Governor-General in Council—Financial Year 1925-26—Dated 3rd March, 1926.  
Defence Act—  
Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1926, Nos. 20, 21.  
Royal Military College—Report for year 1924-25.
5. WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS AND EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

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(In the Committee.)

General debate resumed on the first item (numbered 3) of the Customs Tariff (*see* pages 72 to 87).  
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Makin reported accordingly.  
Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Public Service Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1926, No. 23.
7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Pratten (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at two minutes past ten 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. Robert Cook, Mr. Josiah Francis, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Albert Green, Mr. Roland Green, Sir Littleton Groom, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Lazzarini\*, Mr. Mahony, Mr. Thomas Paterson, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Thompson.

\* On leave.

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

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