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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

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No. 29.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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THURSDAY, 18TH MARCH, 1926.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Sir Littleton Groom) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ELECTORAL ACT—JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That the Electoral Act Select Committee have leave to report the Minutes of Evidence from time to time.  
Question—put and passed.
3. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS—REPORT.—Mr. Mackay, Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, brought up the following Report from the Committee—  
Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed transfer of the Postal Department's Telegraph Lines between Perth and Adelaide to the Transcontinental Railway Route.  
Ordered to be printed.
4. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Public Works Committee Act—Eleventh General Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.  
Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the Report be printed.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.
5. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—LEAGUE OF NATIONS AND THE LOCARNO PACT.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the League of Nations and the Locarno Pact.  
Mr. Charlton (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.
6. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Pacific Island Shipping and Mail Services—Statement regarding.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1, Government Business, be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 4.
8. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT (BONUS SHARES) BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

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(In the Committee.)

Clause 3 further debated.

Question—That the clause be agreed to—put.

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The Committee divided—

Ayes, 39.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bell	Mr. Mann
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Manning
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marks
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marr
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Corser	Mr. Nott
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Grosvenor Francis	Mr. Parsons
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Sir John Gellibrand	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Gregory	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Hill	Mr. Seabrook
Sir Neville Howse	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Hughes	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Hurry	
Mr. Jackson	
Sir Elliot Johnson	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Killen	Mr. Hunter
Mr. Lister	Mr. Prowse

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Mr. Anstey	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Charlton	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Forde	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Lacey	Mr. West
Mr. Lambert	Mr. Yates
Mr. Makin	
Mr. W. Maloney	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Fenton
Mr. McGrath	Mr. Lazzarini

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause 4 agreed to.

Clause 5 debated and agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—ELECTORAL ACT—JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

*Message No. 18.*

The Senate transmits to the House of Representatives the following Resolution, which was this day agreed to by the Senate :—

That Senator Thompson be discharged from attendance on the Joint Committee on Electoral Law and Procedure, and that Senator Hoare be appointed in his place.

THOS. GIVENS,  
President.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 18th March, 1926.

10. DRIED FRUITS ADVANCES BILL (1926).—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

*(In the Committee.)*

Clause 3 further debated—

On the motion of Mr. Atkinson (Minister representing the Minister for Markets and Migration), the following amendment was made :—

Page 3, line 44, after " Board " insert " in the form prescribed ".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 4 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Mann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Atkinson (the Standing Orders having been previously suspended, see page 40) the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

11. WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS AND EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

*(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. Bayley reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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12. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—POWER ALCOHOL BOUNTY BILL (1926).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

*Message No. 19.*

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the Payment of Bounty on the Manufacture of Power Alcohol,*" and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

THOS. GIVENS,  
President.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 18th March, 1926.

13. ADJOURNMENT. — Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seven minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock a.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—  
Mr. Aubrey Abbott, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Ley, and Mr. Perkins.

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