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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 86.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 3RD MARCH, 1927.

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—REPORT.—Mr. Bowden (Chairman) brought up the Report from the Joint Select Committee on Electoral Law and Procedure, together with Minutes of Proceedings and Minutes of Evidence.  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
International Labour Organization of the League of Nations—Eighth and Ninth Sessions, held at Geneva from 26th May to 5th June, and from 5th June to 24th June, 1926, respectively—  
Report of the Australian Government Delegate.  
Report of the Australian Employers' Delegate.  
Report of the Australian Workers' Delegate.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &amp;c.—

- No. 30 of 1926—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.
  - No. 31 of 1926—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.
  - No. 32 of 1926—Commonwealth Telephone Officers' Association.
  - No. 33 of 1926—Fourth Division Officers' Association of the Trade and Customs Department.
  - No. 35 of 1926—Australian Postal Electricians' Union.
  - No. 36 of 1926—Federated Public Service Assistants' Association.
  - No. 37 of 1926—Fourth Division Officers' Association of the Trade and Customs Department.
  - No. 38 of 1926—Australian Telegraphists and Clerical Assistants' Union.
  - No. 39 of 1926—Common Rule (Sick Leave).
  - No. 40 of 1926—Arms, Explosives and Munition Workers' Federation of Australia.
  - No. 41 of 1926—Arms, Explosives and Munition Workers' Federation of Australia; Amalgamated Engineering Union; and Australasian Society of Engineers.
  - No. 42 of 1926—Commonwealth Medical Officers' Association.
  - No. 43 of 1926—Commonwealth Temporary Clerks' Association.
  - No. 45 of 1926—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.
  - No. 46 of 1926—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.
  - Nos. 47 and 48 of 1926—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.
  - Nos. 49 and 50 of 1926—Commonwealth Storemen and Packers' Union of Australia.
  - No. 51 of 1926—Commonwealth Storemen and Packers' Union of Australia.
  - No. 52 of 1926—Commonwealth Foremen's Association.
  - No. 53 of 1926—Arms, Explosives and Munition Workers' Federation of Australia.
- Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at Port Adelaide, South Australia—For Postal purposes.  
Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinance of 1927—No. 3—Gaming.

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4. IMPERIAL CONFERENCE, 1926—SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS—MOTION FOR PRINTING OF PAPER.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—

Imperial Conference, 1926—Summary of Proceedings ;

and moved, That the Paper be printed.

Mr. Bruce, not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257A, the Right Honorable Member was given leave to continue his speech.

The time arriving for the calling on of the Orders of the Day under Standing Order No. 119—

Ordered—That the time for the debate on Motions be extended.

Debate continued.

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.

5. STATES GRANTS 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.

Mr. Charlton moved, as an amendment, That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof :— "in view of the State Governments' heavy financial responsibilities, the Bill be withdrawn".

Debate continued.

Mr. Theodore 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.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—MOVING-PICTURE INDUSTRY IN AUSTRALIA—JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

*Message No. 69.*

MR. SPEAKER,

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

"That—

- (1) a Joint Committee be appointed to inquire into and report on the moving-picture industry in Australia ;
- (2) three Senators be appointed to serve on such Committee ;
- (3) the Committee have power to send for persons, papers and records, to move from place to place, and sit during any adjournment of the Parliament ;
- (4) a Message be sent to the House of Representatives requesting its concurrence, and asking that four Members of the House of Representatives be appointed to serve upon the said Committee."

WILLIAM PLAIN,  
Deputy-President.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 3rd March, 1927.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Albert Green, Sir Neville Howse, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Lambert, and Mr. Lazzarini.

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