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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

No. 16.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 8TH MARCH, 1929.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Sir Littleton Groom) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Public Works Committee Act—Fourteenth General Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.  
Ordered to be printed.
3. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1929).—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend section twenty-one of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1922-1928*.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.
4. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—EXTENSION OF MAIL-HANDLING APPLIANCES, SYDNEY GENERAL POST OFFICE.—Mr. Gibson (Minister for Works and Railways) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-21*, the following work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report, viz. :—Sydney General Post Office—Extension of the installation of Mail-Handling Appliances.  
Mr. Gibson having laid on the Table plans, &c., in connexion with the proposed work—  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.
5. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Monday next at three o'clock p.m.  
Question—put and passed,
6. FINANCIAL AGREEMENT VALIDATION 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.

*(In the Committee.)*

Clause 2 further debated.

*Limitation of Debate.*—At half-past twelve o'clock p.m., the Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted had expired—

Question—That clause 2 and the remainder of the Bill be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 35.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Killen
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Latham
Mr. Bell	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marr
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Collins	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Grosvenor Francis	Mr. Parsons
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Graham Pratten
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Gullett	
Mr. Hill	
Sir Neville Howse	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hurry	Mr. Hunter
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Perkins

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Mr. Beasley	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Price
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Chifley	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Culley	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Theodore
Mr. Forde	Mr. Tully
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Watkins
Mr. James	Mr. West
Mr. Jones	Mr. Yates
Mr. Lacey	
Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Long	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Mann	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Martens	Mr. Makin

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister), the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Bruce moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

*Limitation of Debate.*—At three o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted had expired—

Question—That the Bill be now read a third time—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 36.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Killen
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Mr. Fenton  
Mr. Makin

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a third time..

7. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1929).—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer), pursuant to leave given this day, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend section twenty-one of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1922-1928,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Earle Page moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Scullin 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.

8. TARIFF BOARD BILL (1929).—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. Blakeley addressing the House and not having concluded his speech—the House ordered that the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Gullett (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at five minutes to four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Monday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Marks, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Watt.

E. W. PARKES,  
*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*