

1929.  
(SECOND SESSION.)

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 14.

THURSDAY, 12TH DECEMBER, 1929.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Norman J. O. Makin) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Central Australia—Report on Administration for year ended 30th June, 1929.  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.  
The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Bankruptcy Act—First Annual Report, for period 1st August, 1928, to 31st July, 1929.  
Ordered to be printed.
3. LIBRARY COMMITTEE—MEMBERS DISCHARGED FROM ATTENDANCE.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That Mr. Jones, Mr. Martens and Mr. Thompson be discharged from attendance on the Library Committee.  
Question—put and passed.
4. ALLEGATIONS AGAINST PERSONAL HONOUR OF MINISTER—STATEMENT.—Mr. Theodore (Treasurer), by leave, made a Statement regarding allegations which had been made involving charges concerning his personal honour.
5. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—CONSTRUCTION OF CONCRETE ROADS, CANBERRA.—  
Mr. Blakeley (Minister for Home Affairs) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1921*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report, viz. :—The construction of Concrete Roads, City Area, Canberra.  
Mr. Blakeley having laid on the Table plans, &c., concerning the proposed work—  
Question—put and passed.
6. WAYS AND MEANS [“GRIEVANCE DAY”].—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Ways and Means—  
Question proposed—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.  
Question—put and negatived.  
Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.
7. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT (ADMINISTRATION) BILL (1929).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Blakeley (Minister for Home Affairs) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.  
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

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*(In the Committee.)*

Clause 1 agreed to.  
 Clause 2—  
 On the motion of Mr. Latham, the following amendment was made :—After “ writing ” (line 15) insert “ by post ”.  
 Clause, as amended, agreed to.  
 Clause 3 agreed to.  
 Title agreed to.  
 Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.  
 On the motion of Mr. Blakeley, by leave, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

8. SUPPLY [ESTIMATES, 1929-30 (No. 2)].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

*(In the Committee.)*

Remainder of the Vote—“ The Parliament, £76,586 ”—debated and agreed to.  
 Vote—“ The Prime Minister’s Department, £393,563 ”—debated and agreed to.  
 Vote—“ The Department of the Treasury, £647,849 ”—debated and agreed to.  
 Vote—“ The Attorney-General’s Department, £187,943 ”—debated and agreed to.  
 Vote—“ The Department of Home Affairs, £260,649 ”—debated and agreed to.  
 Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.  
 Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—COMMONWEALTH BANK BILL (1929).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

*Message No. 8.*

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the Commonwealth Bank Act 1911-1927* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

WALTER KINGSMILL,  
 President.

The Senate,  
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Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, at a later hour this day.

10. WAYS AND MEANS—INCOME TAX BILL (1929).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

*(In the Committee.)*

The following motion of Mr. Theodore (Treasurer), moved at a previous sitting, viz. :—1. That a tax be imposed on income derived from sources in Australia at the following rates, namely :—(See pages 59-60) *And the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Bernard Corser, viz. :—*That the following proviso be added to Subdivision G :—“ Provided that the super tax hereby proposed to be imposed shall not be payable by any resident of Australia who was on active service outside Australia with the Naval or Military Forces of any of the Allied Powers in connexion with the war between His Majesty the King and his Allies and the Emperor of Germany and his Allies which took place in the years 1914 to 1918 and whose military or naval duties required him to be in any part of the field of operations in connexion with the war.”—further considered.

Amendment negatived.

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.  
 Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.  
 Mr. Theodore moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Theodore, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Theodore and Mr. Scullin do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Theodore then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to impose Taxes upon Incomes* ”, and moved, That it now be read a first time.

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

Mr. Theodore moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.  
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Mr. Theodore, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

11. COMMONWEALTH BANK BILL (1929).—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendments made by the Senate in this Bill—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendments, which are as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

No. 1.—Page 2, clause 2, after sub-section (4.) of proposed section 7B insert the following new sub-section :—

“(5.) The provisions of sub-sections (1.) and (2.) of this section shall not apply in respect of gold held by any State Savings Bank.”

No. 2.—Page 2, clause 2, leave out sub-section (3.) of proposed section 7c.

No. 3.—Page 2, clause 2, leave out sub-section (4.) of proposed section 7c, insert the following new sub-section :—

“(4.) Where after the receipt of a recommendation from the Board for such approval the Treasurer is of opinion that it is expedient so to do he may in his absolute discretion approve of any application under this section.”

No. 4.—Page 2, clause 2, after proposed section 7D add the following new section :—

“7E. Sections 7B and 7c of this Act shall remain in operation until the thirtieth day of December One thousand nine hundred and thirty and no longer.” Duration of operation.

Amendment No. 1 disagreed to, after debate, on the motion of Mr. Theodore (Treasurer).

Amendments Nos. 2 and 3 agreed to, on the motion of Mr. Theodore.

Mr. Theodore moved, That Amendment No. 4 be disagreed to.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 42.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Lewis
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Long
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lyons
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Martens
Mr. Coleman	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Crouch	Mr. McTiernan
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Cusack	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Eldridge	Mr. Rowe
Mr. Forde	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Gibbons	Mr. Theodore
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Tully
Mr. Guy	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Holloway	Mr. West
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Yates
Mr. James	
Mr. Jones	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Keane	Mr. Price
Mr. Lacey	Mr. E. C. Riley

Noes, 17.

Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Hill	Mr. White
Mr. Latham	
Mr. Mackay	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Maxwell	
Mr. Morgan	Mr. Josiah Francis
Mr. Nairn	Mr. Gardner

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolutions to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Theodore, the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Theodore moved, That Mr. Scullin, Mr. Anstey, and the Mover be appointed a Committee to draw up Reasons for the House of Representatives disagreeing to Amendments Nos. 1 and 4.

Question—put and passed.

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Mr. Theodore, on behalf of the Committee, brought up such Reasons, which were read, and are as follows:—

*Reason for Disagreeing to Amendment No. 1.*—As one of the objects of the Bill is the mobilization of the whole of the gold resources of Australia in case of necessity, and as this objective could not be attained if Savings Banks or any other institutions were excluded from the provisions of the Bill, it is undesirable that Savings Banks should be so excluded.

*Reason for Disagreeing to Amendment No. 4.*—As any proclamation relating to the export of gold will be made only after the receipt of a recommendation from the Board, and as any such proclamation will indicate the period for which it is to remain in force, and as the necessity for action under the Bill may arise after the thirtieth day of December One thousand nine hundred and thirty, it is undesirable to limit the operation of the Act to any specific period.

Mr. Theodore moved, That the Committee's Reasons be adopted.

Question—put and passed.

12. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—BANKRUPTCY BILL (1929).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 9.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to amend the 'Bankruptcy Act 1924-1928', and for other purposes", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendment indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

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WALTER KINGSMILL,  
President.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendment made by the Senate, which is as follows:—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE.

Page 3, clause 8, line 13, after "rights" insert "or liabilities".

Amendment agreed to, on the motion of Mr. Brennan (Attorney-General).

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Brennan, the House adopted the Report.

13. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SEAT OF GOVERNMENT (ADMINISTRATION) BILL (1929).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 10.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to amend the 'Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1924-1928'," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
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WALTER KINGSMILL,  
President.

14. LOAN BILL (1929).—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.)

Schedule agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Theodore (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, see page 72) the Bill was read a third time, after debate.

15. IRON AND STEEL PRODUCTS BOUNTY BILL (1929).—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 7—

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Debate resumed on the following motion of Mr. Forde (Acting Minister for Trade and Customs), viz.:—  
That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Iron and Steel Products Bounty Act 1922-1927*.

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The Committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.  
Question—put and passed.  
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.  
Mr. Forde moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.  
Question—put and passed.  
The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Forde, was adopted by the House.  
Ordered—That Mr. Forde and Mr. Lyons do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.  
Mr. Forde then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.  
Mr. Forde moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.  
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.  
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Mr. Forde, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

16. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—INCOME TAX BILL (1929).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 11.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to impose Taxes upon Incomes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

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WALTER KINGSMILL,  
President.

17. SUPPLY [ESTIMATES, 1929-30 (No. 2)].—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Vote—"The Department of Defence, £4,195,116"—debated and agreed to.  
Vote—"The Department of Trade and Customs, £927,321"—debated—  
*Member named and suspended.*—Mr. Gabb, having used expressions which the Chairman of Committees (Mr. McGrath) considered were offensive to the Chair, and refusing to withdraw the expressions when requested to do so, was named by Mr. McGrath.  
Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the honorable Member for Angas (Mr. Gabb) be suspended from the service of the Committee.  
Question—put and passed.  
The Chairman forthwith suspended the proceedings of the Committee.

The House resumed.  
The Chairman of Committees reported the circumstances to the House, and Mr. Speaker thereupon put the question—That the honorable Member for Angas (Mr. Gabb) be suspended from the service of the House.  
Question—passed.  
And the honorable Member was, therefore, under Standing Order No. 59, suspended for the remainder of the day's sitting, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.  
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Debate resumed on Vote—"The Department of Trade and Customs, £927,321"—

*Temporary Chairman's Ruling.*—Mr. Hawker proceeding to discuss the proposed Customs Tariff duties, the Temporary Chairman (Mr. Crouch) ruled that this matter could not be debated on the Estimates of the Department of Trade and Customs.

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*Dissent from Temporary Chairman's Ruling.*—Mr. Latham having handed in, in writing, an objection to the Ruling of the Temporary Chairman, moved, That the Ruling be dissented from. Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

Vote—"The Department of Trade and Customs, £927,321"—further debated and agreed to.

Vote—"The Department of Works, £302,910"—agreed to.

Vote—"The Department of Health, £147,000"—agreed to.

Vote—"The Department of Markets and Transport, £98,070"—agreed to.

Vote—"Miscellaneous Services, £386,837"—debated and agreed to.

Vote—"Refunds of Revenue, £1,000,000"—agreed to.

Vote—"Advance to the Treasurer, £2,000,000"—agreed to.

Vote—"War Services Payable out of Revenue, £1,419,821"—debated and agreed to.

Vote—"Commonwealth Railways, £618,650"—agreed to.

Vote—"Postmaster-General's Department, £10,373,399"—debated and agreed to.

Vote—"North Australia, £100,864"—agreed to.

Vote—"Central Australia, £32,550"—agreed to.

Vote—"Federal Capital Territory, £30,836"—agreed to.

Vote—"Papua, £44,100"—agreed to.

Vote—"New Guinea, £10,000"—agreed to.

Vote—"Norfolk Island, £4,000"—agreed to.

Mr. Theodore (Treasurer) moved, That the following resolution be reported to the House:—

That, including the several sums already voted for such services, there be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1929-30, for the several services hereunder specified, a sum not exceeding £23,258,064.

Part 1.—DEPARTMENTS AND SERVICES—Other than Business Undertakings and Territories of the Commonwealth.

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The Parliament .. .. .	76,586
The Prime Minister's Department .. .. .	393,563
The Department of the Treasury .. .. .	647,849
The Attorney-General's Department .. .. .	187,943
The Department of Home Affairs .. .. .	260,649
The Department of Defence .. .. .	4,195,116
The Department of Trade and Customs .. .. .	927,321
The Department of Works .. .. .	302,910
The Department of Health .. .. .	147,000
The Department of Markets and Transport .. .. .	98,070
Miscellaneous Services .. .. .	386,837
Refunds of Revenue .. .. .	1,000,000
Advance to the Treasurer .. .. .	2,000,000
War Services payable out of Revenue .. .. .	1,419,821
Total Part 1 .. .. .	<u>12,043,665</u>

PART 2.—BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS.

Commonwealth Railways .. .. .	618,650
Postmaster-General's Department .. .. .	10,373,399
Total Part 2 .. .. .	<u>10,992,049</u>

PART 3.—TERRITORIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

North Australia .. .. .	100,864
Central Australia .. .. .	32,550
Federal Capital Territory .. .. .	30,836
Papua .. .. .	44,100
New Guinea .. .. .	10,000
Norfolk Island .. .. .	4,000
Total Part 3 .. .. .	<u>222,350</u>
Total .. .. .	<u>23,258,064</u>

Question—put and passed.

Leave to be asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

18. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Theodore (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

19. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—The Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Theodore (Treasurer), was adopted by the House.
20. WAYS AND MEANS [ESTIMATES, 1929-30 (No. 2)].—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

ESTIMATES, 1929-30 (No. 2).

Mr. Theodore (Treasurer) moved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1929-30, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £10,974,401.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee. The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Theodore, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Theodore and Mr. Scullin do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

21. APPROPRIATION BILL 1929-30.—Mr. Theodore (Treasurer) then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and thirty and to appropriate the Supplies granted by the Parliament for such year,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Theodore moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Theodore, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

22. SUPPLY [ESTIMATES—ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1929-30 (No. 2)].—The House, according to order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1929-30 (No. 2).

Vote—“The Department of Home Affairs, £33,000”—further considered and agreed to.

Vote—“The Department of Defence, £71,884”—agreed to.

Vote—“The Department of Trade and Customs, £16,932”—agreed to.

Vote—“The Department of Health, £33,936”—agreed to.

Vote—“Territories of the Commonwealth, £131,500”—agreed to.

Mr. Theodore (Treasurer) moved, That there be granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1929-30, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., a sum not exceeding £290,576.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

23. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Theodore (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay. Question—put and passed.
24. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—The Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Theodore (Treasurer), was adopted by the House.
25. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION [ESTIMATES—ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1929-30 (No. 2)].—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1929-30 (No. 2).

Mr. Theodore (Treasurer) moved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year 1929-30, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £290,576.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

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The House resumed ; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee. The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Theodore, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Theodore and Mr. Scullin do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

26. APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1929-30.—Mr. Theodore (Treasurer) then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A 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 thirty for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., and to appropriate such sum,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.  
 Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.  
 Mr. Theodore moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
 Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.  
 Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.  
 Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Theodore, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

27. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—COMMONWEALTH BANK BILL (1929).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

Message No. 12.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the Commonwealth Bank Act 1911-1927*,” and acquaints the House that the Senate does not insist upon its Amendments Nos. 1 and 4, disagreed to by the House of Representatives.

WALTER KINGSMILL,  
 President.

The Senate,  
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28. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—  
 Papua Act—Ordinance of 1929—No. 6—Appropriation 1929-30 ; together with Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for year ending 30th June, 1930.
29. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 6 be postponed until after General Business.
30. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Ordered—That Notice of Motion No. 1 be postponed until after the consideration of Notice of Motion No. 2, General Business.
31. TOBACCO-GROWING INDUSTRY—SELECT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Jones, for Mr. Thompson, moved, pursuant to notice—
- (1) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the position of the tobacco-growing industry of Australia, with special regard to the following aspects :—
    - (a) The request of the growers submitted to the Prime Minister at Canberra in May, 1928, for a bounty on Australian-grown leaf ;
    - (b) The alternative request of the growers, submitted on the same occasion, for an increase in the duty on imported leaf and a decrease in the excise duty on locally-grown leaf ;
    - (c) As to whether the arrangement entered into between the Commonwealth Government, certain States, and the British-Australasian Tobacco Company, to carry out experiments in the growing of tobacco leaf in Australia, is in the best interests of the growers ; and
    - (d) As to whether, in the best interests of the growers, the arrangement should be altered so as to ensure that the Federal direction of experimental work should be made a permanent phase of the tobacco-growing industry in Australia.
  - (2) That the Committee consist of Mr. Jones, Mr. Martens, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Tully, and the Mover (Mr. Thompson), three to form a quorum.
  - (3) That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers and records, to adjourn from place to place, and have leave to report from time to time its proceedings and the evidence taken.
  - (4) That the Committee report to the House on the 1st July, 1930.
- Question—put and passed.
32. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That leave of absence be given to every Member of the House of Representatives from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next sitting.  
 Question—put and passed.



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33. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, which time of meeting shall be notified by Mr. Speaker to each Member by telegram or letter.  
Question—put and passed.

*Suspension of Sitting.*—At twenty minutes to five o'clock a.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair until half-past two o'clock p.m.

*Resumption of Sitting.*—At half past two o'clock p.m. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

34. PRINTING COMMITTEE—FIRST REPORT FROM.—Mr. Tully, for the Chairman, brought up the First Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate).

The Report was read by the Clerk, as follows :—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have met in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the Petition and Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, recommend that the following be printed :—

Coal Industry—Interim Report of the Royal Commission.

Constitution—Report, with Appendices, of the Royal Commission on the Constitution.

North Australia Commission—Second Annual Report for period 1st July, 1927, to 31st December, 1928.

Papua—Annual Report for year 1927–28.

JAMES T. TULLY,  
for Chairman.

House of Representatives,  
Committee Room, 13th December, 1929.

Mr. Tully moved, That the Report be agreed to.  
Question—put and passed.

35. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Migration—Assisted Migration to Australia—Copy of Cablegram, 4th November, 1929, to British Government, and reply thereto.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Taxation—Twelfth Report of the Commissioner, years 1925–26, 1926–27, 1927–28, and 1928–29.

Ordered to be printed.

Norfolk Island Act—Ordinance of 1929—No. 8—Executive Council.

Public Service Act—Sixth Report on the Commonwealth Public Service by the Board of Commissioners, dated 2nd December, 1929.

Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance of 1929—No. 19—Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (No. 2).

36. JOINT COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—REPORT.—Mr. Coleman, Chairman of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, brought up the following Report from the Committee :—

Agricultural and Pastoral Leases in the Federal Capital Territory.

Ordered to be printed.

37. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

STONEHAVEN,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 8.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

“ South Australia Grant Act 1929 ”

“ Grafton to South Brisbane Railway Act 1929 ”

“ Arbitration (Public Service) Act 1929 ”

“ Tasmania Grant Act 1929 ”

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Laws.

Government House,  
Canberra, 13th December, 1929.

*Suspension of Sitting.*—At twenty-five minutes to three o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair.  
*Resumption of Sitting.*—At five minutes to six o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

12th and 13th December, 1929.

38. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

[*Iron and Steel Products Bounty Bill* (1929)]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 13.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the Iron and Steel Products Bounty Act 1922-1927*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

WALTER KINGSMILL,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 13th December, 1929.

[*Loan Bill* (1929)]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 14.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of certain sums of Money*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

WALTER KINGSMILL,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 13th December, 1929.

[*Appropriation Bill 1929-30*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 15.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and thirty and to appropriate the Supplies granted by the Parliament for such year*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

WALTER KINGSMILL,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 13th December, 1929.

[*Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Bill 1929-30*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 16.

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 thirty for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., and to appropriate such sum*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

WALTER KINGSMILL,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 13th December, 1929.

39. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Northern Australia Act—Ordinances of 1929—

Central Australia—

No. 15—Gaming (No. 2).

No. 16—Public Service (No. 2).

No. 17—Testator's Family Maintenance.

North Australia—

No. 18—Roads.

No. 19—Gaming (No. 2).

No. 20—Public Service (No. 2).

No. 21—Testator's Family Maintenance.

40. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Cusack addressing the House—

*Closure of Member moved.*—Mr. Thompson moved, That the honorable Member be not further heard.

Question—put and negatived.

Debate continued.

Question—That the House do now adjourn—put and passed.

And then the House, at three minutes past seven o'clock p.m., adjourned until a date and time to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, and to be notified by him to each Member by telegram or letter sent by post by Resolution of the House at this sitting.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Wapley, Mr. Bell, Mr. Bernard Corser, Mr. Culley, Mr. Fenton, Mr. Gullett, Mr. W. H. H. King, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Marks, Mr. Mathews, and Mr. Parkhill.

• On leave.

F. W. MALONEY,  
Clerk of the House of Representatives.