

1929-30.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 22.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH MARCH, 1930.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Norman J. O. Makin) took the Chair, and offered Prayers.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—North Australia—Report on Administration for year ended 30th June, 1929.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (MR. MATHEWS).—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Melbourne Ports (Mr. Mathews), on the ground of ill-health.
Question—put and passed.
4. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (POWER OF AMENDMENT) 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. Martens 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. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SEAT OF GOVERNMENT (ADMINISTRATION) BILL (1930).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—
MR. SPEAKER, *Message No. 18.*
The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1910’, and for other purposes,*” and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.
The Senate, WALTER KINGSMILL,
Canberra, 26th March, 1930. President.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 6 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 7.
7. WAYS AND MEANS [EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 3)].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. Forde (Acting Minister for Trade and Customs) moved—

That the resolution moved in the House of Representatives on the twelfth day of March, One thousand nine hundred and thirty (that the Schedule to the *Excise Tariff 1921-1928* be further amended as set out in that resolution), be amended by adding at the end thereof the following proviso:—

“ Provided that in respect of the fortifying spirit contained in any Wine sold in fulfilment of a contract in writing which is proved to the satisfaction of the Minister to have been entered into on or before the twelfth day of March, One thousand nine hundred and thirty, and which is still subsisting, the Duties of Excise shall be as follows:—

Spirit for fortifying Australian Wine, distilled wholly from the fresh juice of
Doradillo grapes, subject to Regulations - - - per proof gallon 5s.

Spirit for fortifying Australian Wine, n.e.i., subject to Regulations per proof gallon 6s.”

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

The House resumed; Mr. Crouch reported accordingly.

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

26th March, 1930.

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

Audit Act—Transfers approved by the Governor-General in Council—Financial Year 1928-29—
Dated 13th March, 1930.

Commonwealth Bank Act—Treasurer's Statement of combined accounts of the Bank and
Savings Bank at 31st December, 1929 ; together with the certificate of the Auditor-General.
Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance
of 1930—No. 2—Church Lands Leases.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bell, Mr.
Bernard Corser, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Fenton*, Mr. Hawker, Mr. Hill, Mr. James, Mr. Killen*, Mr.
Lacey, Mr. Lewis, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Mathews*, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Nelson, Mr.
Earle Page, Mr. Thomas Paterson, and Mr. Rowe.

* On leave.

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