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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 23.

THURSDAY, 27TH 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. NEW GUINEA PLANTATIONS—ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING MONEYS FROM SALE OF—STATEMENT.—Mr. Anstey, by leave, made a Statement regarding a certain press reference to an opinion alleged to have been expressed by him in connexion with allegations of the interception of moneys granted to certain German ex-planters in New Guinea in respect of the sale of their former plantations.
3. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Postmaster-General's Department—Nineteenth Annual Report, 1928-29.  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
4. ELECTIVE MINISTRIES.—Mr. Stewart moved, pursuant to notice—
  - (1) That in the opinion of this House the present system of Parliamentary procedure, including the Party selection of Cabinet Ministers and the allocation of ministerial responsibility and duties, does not represent the best method of conducting public business.
  - (2) That the passage of the foregoing resolution shall be an instruction to the Government to appoint a Royal Commission to consider and report upon—
    - (a) The advisability of substituting a system of elective Ministries, with Ministers individually responsible to Parliament, for the present method of Party Government;
    - (b) The appointment of additional Parliamentary Standing Committees, such as Foreign Relations, Defence, Agriculture, and an extension of the powers and functions of the present finance committee with a view to improving the machinery of Government;
    - (c) Any other proposals which in the opinion of the Government will lead to more efficient conduct of the business of Parliament.

Debate ensued.

Mr. E. C. Riley 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 Thursday, the 17th April next.

5. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Ordered—That Notice of Motion No. 2, General Business, be postponed until Thursday, the 17th April next.
6. PRIMARY PRODUCERS' ORGANISATION TO CONTROL MARKETING.—Mr. Bernard Corser moved, pursuant to notice, That in the opinion of this House it is desirable that action be taken to make possible an Australian Primary Producers' Organisation with complete sectional control of the internal and external marketing of each primary product, such control to be exercised exclusively by the organized producers of such commodity, which would enable the producers of any such commodity to speak with one voice and authority in regard to any arrangement which may be deemed by them to be necessary to conserve their interests by entering into agreements with other Overseas Primary Producers' Marketing Organisations, and by such means secure an equitable return for any such commodity in the markets of the world.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Parker Moloney (Minister for Markets and Transport) addressing the House—

Closure.—Mr. Thompson moved, That the question be now put.

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Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 11.

Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Gabb	
Mr. Gardner	
Mr. Hawker	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Mackay	Mr. Hunter
Mr. Nairn	Mr. Thompson

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Mr. Anstey	Mr. Martens
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Chifley	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Coleman	Mr. McTiernan
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Culley	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Cusack	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Eldridge	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Forde	Mr. Theodore
Mr. Frost	Mr. Tully
Mr. Gibbons	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Holloway	Mr. West
Mr. James	Mr. Yates

Mr. Keane	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Latham	
Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Long	Mr. Price
Mr. Lyons	Mr. E. C. Riley

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Parker Moloney 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 Thursday, the 17th April next.

The time allotted for precedence to General Business having expired, Government Business was called on.

7. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—CONSTRUCTION OF STEAMER FOR LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE.—Mr. Lyons (Minister for Works and Railways) 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. :—Construction of Steamer for the Lighthouse Service.

Question—put and passed.

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

[*Customs Tariff Bill (1930)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 19.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Customs Tariff 1921–1928’*,” and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 27th March, 1930.

WALTER KINGSMILL,  
President.

[*Customs Tariff Validation Bill (1930)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 20.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to provide for the Validation of the Collection of certain Duties of Customs*,” and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 27th March, 1930.

WALTER KINGSMILL,  
President.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SOLAR OBSERVATORY FUND BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 21.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to provide a Fund for the Establishment and Endowment of a Solar Observatory in the Territory for the Seat of Government*,” 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.

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WALTER KINGSMILL,  
President.

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

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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 made by the Senate, which are as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

No. 1.—Page 1, clause 2, line 12, after “ by ” insert “ or under ”.

No. 2.—Page 2, clause 5, line 2, after “ Affairs ” insert “, and such other person as the Minister may appoint,”.

On the motion of Mr. Blakeley (Minister for Home Affairs), the Amendments were agreed to. Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Blakeley the House adopted the Report.

10. SUPPLY [“ 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 Supply—  
Question proposed—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.  
Debate ensued.

Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.

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

11. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at—  
Newdegate, Western Australia—For Postal purposes.  
Victoria Park, Western Australia—For Postal purposes.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-seven 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. Bell, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Fenton\*, Mr. Hill, Mr. Killen\*, Mr. Lacey, Mr. Lewis, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Mathews\*, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Thomas Paterson, and Mr. Rowe.

\* On leave.

E. W. PARKES,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*