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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 31.

THURSDAY, 10TH APRIL, 1930.

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 offered Prayers.**
2. **PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS—REPORTS.—Mr. Lacey, Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, brought up the following Reports from the Committee :—**
 Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed construction of Public Baths at Canberra.
 Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan, relating to the proposed development of the Civil Aerodrome at Mascot, New South Wales.
 Severally ordered to be printed.
3. **PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—**
 Science and Industry Research Act—Third Annual Report of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, for year ended 30th June, 1929.
 Ordered to be printed.
 Contract Immigrants Act—Return for 1929.
 Immigration Act—Return for 1929.
4. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—LOAN CONVERSIONS.—Mr. Theodore (Treasurer), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement regarding the recent Conversions of Commonwealth Loans.**
 Mr. Latham (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a Statement with reference to the matter.
5. **AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIES PRESERVATION BILL (1930).—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Australian Industries Preservation Act 1906-1910.***
 Question—put and passed.
 Mr. Scullin 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. Scullin moved, by leave, 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.

(*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. Scullin, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

6. **AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE EXCHANGE AT BRUNSWICK, VICTORIA—APPROVAL OF WORK.—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*, it is expedient to carry out the following work :—Establishment of an Automatic Telephone Exchange at Brunswick, Victoria, which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, and on which the Committee has duly reported to this House the result of its investigation.**

Question—put and passed.

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7. AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE EXCHANGE AT HURSTVILLE, NEW SOUTH WALES—APPROVAL OF WORK.—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*, it is expedient to carry out the following work :—Establishment of an Automatic Telephone Exchange at Hurstville, New South Wales, which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, and on which the Committee has duly reported to this House the result of its investigation.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
8. DEVELOPMENT OF CIVIL AERODROME AT MASCOT, NEW SOUTH WALES—APPROVAL OF WORK.—Mr. Beasley (Minister representing the Minister for Defence) moved, by leave, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1921*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work, which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the Committee has duly reported to this House the result of its investigation, viz. :—The Development of the Civil Aerodrome at Mascot, New South Wales.
Question—put and passed.
9. DEVELOPMENT OF A SITE FOR A CIVIL AERODROME AT WESTERN JUNCTION, TASMANIA—APPROVAL OF WORK.—Mr. Beasley (Minister representing the Minister for Defence) moved, by leave, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1921*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work, which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the Committee has duly reported to this House the result of its investigation, viz. :—The Development of a Site for a Civil Aerodrome at Western Junction, near Launceston, Tasmania.
Question—put and passed.
10. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (POWER OF AMENDMENT) 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 1 agreed to.

Clause 2—

Mr. Gregory moved, as an amendment, That after "section," (line 9) the words "other than in the proviso to that section," be inserted.

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

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

Mr. Scullin moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stage to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

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

Question—put.

The House divided—(The Speaker, Mr. Makin, in the Chair)

Ayes, 42.

Noes, 23.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Lewis	Mr. Bell	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Long	Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Lyons	Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Brennan	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Martens	Mr. Gardner	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Coleman	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Gregory	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Crouch	Mr. McNeill	Mr. Gullett	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Culley	Mr. McTiernan	Mr. Hawker	Mr. White
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Hill	
Mr. Cusack	Mr. Edward Riley	Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Eldridge	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Latham	
Mr. Forde	Mr. Rowe	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Bayley
Mr. Frost	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Theodore		
Mr. Gibbons	Mr. Tully		
Mr. Guy	Mr. Watkins		
Mr. Holloway	Mr. West		
Mr. James	Mr. Yates		
Mr. Jones			
Mr. Keane	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Lacey	Mr. Price		
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. E. C. Riley		

And so the question—That the Bill be now read a third time—was resolved in the affirmative by an absolute majority of the Members of the House.

Bill accordingly read a third time.

10th April, 1930.

11. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (INDUSTRIAL POWERS) 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 1 agreed to.

Clause 2—

Mr. Gregory moved, as an amendment, That the clause be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following clause in place thereof:—

2. Section fifty-one of the Constitution is altered by omitting paragraph ^{Industrial} ~~Industrial~~ matters. (xxxv.).

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Brennan (Attorney-General), the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Brennan moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stage to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

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

Question—put.

The House divided—(The Speaker, Mr. Makin, in the Chair)

Ayes, 45.

Noes, 20.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Long	Mr. Bell	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Lyons	Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Martens	Mr. Gardner	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Chifley	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Gregory	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Coleman	Mr. McNeill	Mr. Gullett	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Crouch	Mr. McTiernan	Mr. Hawker	Mr. White
Mr. Culley	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Hill	
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Edward Riley	Mr. Latham	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cusack	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Bayley
Mr. Eldridge	Mr. Rowe	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Bernard Corser
Mr. Forde	Mr. Scullin		
Mr. Frost	Mr. Stewart		
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Theodore		
Mr. Gibbons	Mr. Thompson		
Mr. Guy	Mr. Tully		
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Watkins		
Mr. Hughes	Mr. West		
Mr. James	Mr. Yates		
Mr. Jones			
Mr. Keane			
Mr. Lacey	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Price		
Mr. Lewis	Mr. E. C. Riley		

And so the question—That the Bill be now read a third time—was resolved in the affirmative by an absolute majority of the Members of the House.
Bill accordingly read a third time.

12. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (TRADE AND COMMERCE) BILL (1930).—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 1 agreed to.

Clause 2—

Mr. Earle Page moved, as an amendment, That paragraphs (a) and (b) be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the following in place thereof:—“by adding at the end of Paragraph (i.) the following proviso:—‘Provided that Parliament shall have power to make laws with respect to the marketing of Australian products in the Commonwealth and in other places.’”

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

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The Committee divided—(The Chairman, Mr. McGrath, in the Chair)

Ayes, 42.

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

Noes, 12.

Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Hill	
Mr. Mackay	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Morgan	Mr. Bernard Corser
Mr. Nairn	Mr. Thompson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
 Clause agreed to.
 Preamble agreed to.
 Title agreed to.
 Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

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

Mr. Scullin moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stage to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

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

Question—put.

The House divided—(The Speaker, Mr. Makin, in the Chair)

Ayes, 45.

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

Noes, 18.

Mr. Bell	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Gregory	Mr. White
Mr. Gullett	
Mr. Hawker	
Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Latham	Mr. Bayley
Mr. Mackay	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Morgan	

And so the question—That the Bill be now read a third time—was resolved in the affirmative by an absolute majority of the Members of the House.

Bill accordingly read a third time.

13. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday, the thirtieth instant, at three o'clock p.m.

Question—put and passed.

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14. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—LAND TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 2) (1930).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 24.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for " *An Act to amend section three of the ' Land Tax Assessment Act 1910-1930 ' and for other purposes,*" 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,

Canberra, 10th April, 1930.

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 Amendments made by the Senate, which are as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

No. 1.—Page 2, clause 2, line 5, after " thereto " insert " whether visible or invisible ".

No. 2.—Page 2, clause 2, line 8, after " timber " insert " or mallee ".

No. 3.—Page 2, clause 2, line 13, after " which " insert " are allowed to ".

No. 4.—Page 2, clause 2, line 23, after " be," insert " are allowed to ".

On the motion of Mr. Theodore (Treasurer), the Amendments were agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

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

15. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIES PRESERVATION BILL (1930).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 25.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for " *An Act to amend the ' Australian Industries Preservation Act 1906-1910 ',*" and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

WALTER KINGSMILL,
President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 10th April, 1930.

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

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

Nos. 6 and 7 of 1930—Australian Third Division Telegraphists and Postal Clerks' Union.

No. 8 of 1930—Australian Postal Electricians' Union.

No. 9 of 1930—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.

Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—

Ordinance of 1930—No. 4—Advisory Council.

Advisory Council Ordinance—Advisory Council Election Regulations.

17. PRINTING COMMITTEE—SECOND REPORT.—Mr. Tully, for the Chairman, brought up the Second 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 Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, recommend that the following be printed :—

Elections, 1929—

Statistical Returns in relation to the General Elections for the House of Representatives.

Statistical Returns showing the Voting within each Subdivision in relation to the General

Elections for the House of Representatives, viz. :—

New South Wales.

Queensland.

South Australia.

Tasmania.

Victoria.

Western Australia.

International Labour Organization of the League of Nations—Twelfth Conference, held at Geneva, May-June, 1929—Reports of the Australian Delegates.

Maternal and Child Welfare in Australia—Report by Dame Janet M. Campbell, D.B.E., M.D., M.S., Senior Medical Officer for Maternity and Child Welfare, Ministry of Health, London.

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*Norfolk Island—Report for year ended 30th June, 1929.

*Northern Territory—Report by Messrs. A. L. B. Lefroy and Hubert Evans on their visit to the western side of the Northern Territory, June, 1929.

Public Works Committee Act—Fifteenth General Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.

Third General Papers Index, 1920–29.

†Transport in Australia—Summary of Report of Commonwealth Transport Committee.

* Presented to the House of Representatives only.

† Deferred from previous Session.

JAMES T. TULLY,
for Chairman.House of Representatives Committee Room,
10th April, 1930.Mr. Tully moved, That the Report be agreed to.
Question—put and passed.

18. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 4 to 11 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 12, Government Business.
19. WAYS AND MEANS [SPECIAL CUSTOMS DUTY].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Debate resumed on the motion of Mr. Forde (Acting Minister for Trade and Customs), viz. :—

That, in addition to the Duties of Customs collected in accordance with the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1921–1928, as proposed to be amended by the Tariff Proposals, and as amended by the *Customs Tariff* 1930, there be imposed, on and after the fourth day of April One thousand nine hundred and thirty, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Territory for the Seat of Government, a special duty of Customs, at the rate of fifty per centum of the amount of duty calculated in accordance with the duties imposed by the *Customs Tariff* 1921–1928 as proposed to be amended by the Tariff Proposals and as amended by the *Customs Tariff* 1930 on such of the goods included in the items specified in the first column of the Schedule hereto as are specified in the second column of that Schedule and are entered for home consumption after the third day of April One thousand nine hundred and thirty and were exported from the country of export after the said third day of April :

That in this resolution “ Tariff Proposals ” shall mean the Tariff Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the twenty-first day of November and the eleventh day of December One thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine, and shall include any amendment of those proposals : and

That, excepting by mutual agreement or until after six months' notice has been given to the Government of the Dominion of New Zealand, nothing in this resolution shall affect any goods the produce or manufacture of the Dominion of New Zealand entering the Commonwealth of Australia from the Dominion of New Zealand—[For Schedule, see *Votes and Proceedings*, pages 126–7]—Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Mackay reported accordingly.

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

20. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-eight minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, the thirtieth instant, at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Donald Cameron, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Fenton*, Mr. Albert Green, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Killen*, and Mr. Mathews*.

* On leave.

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