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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 41.

WEDNESDAY, 21ST MAY, 1930.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Norman J. O. Makin) took the Chair, and offered Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—British, Australian and New Zealand Antarctic Research Expedition—Report by Sir Douglas Mawson on the work of the Expedition in R.S.S. *Discovery*, 1929-30.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at Crystal Brook, South Australia—For Postal (Broadcasting) purposes.
3. BANKRUPTCY BILL (1930).—Mr. Brennan (Attorney-General) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Bankruptcy Act* 1924-1929.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Brennan 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.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
4. WHEAT MARKETING 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—*And on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Latham, viz. :—*That all words after "That" be omitted, and that the following words be substituted in lieu thereof :—"this House is of opinion that, while present circumstances justify a guarantee by the Governments of the Commonwealth and the States of a minimum price of 4s. per bushel for f.a.q. wheat, season 1930-1931, delivered at railway sidings, legislation providing for such a guarantee should be introduced separately from any legislation providing for the establishment of a monopoly in the marketing of Australian wheat by means of a compulsory pool"—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Earle Page addressing the House and not having concluded his speech—the House ordered that the Right 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.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 2 and 3 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 4.
6. NATIONALITY BILL (1930).—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.
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.)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Proposed new clause—

Mr. Nairn moved, That the following new clause be added to the Bill :—

2A. Section eighteen of the Principal Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the following proviso :—

“ Provided that a woman who is a British subject shall not lose or be deemed to lose her nationality by the mere act of marriage with an alien, but it shall be open to her to make a declaration of alienage”.

Debate ensued.

Proposed new clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Crouch reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Blakeley (Minister for Home Affairs), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at nineteen 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. Bayley, Mr. Bell, Mr. Coleman*, Mr. Fenton, Mr. Josiah Francis, Mr. Gibbons, Mr. Guy, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Mathews*, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Thomas Paterson, and Mr. White.

* On leave.

E. W. PARKES,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.