

1929-30.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 76.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD JULY, 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. STATEMENT BY MEMBER—ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING FREE THEATRE CONCESSIONS TO MINISTERS.—Mr. Latham (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, made a statement informing the House of a reply by the Right Honorable S. M. Bruce to allegations that he and other Ministers in his Government were recipients of free theatre concessions.
3. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until eleven o'clock a.m. to-morrow.  
Question—put and passed.
4. SUPPLY [BUDGET DEBATE].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

*(In the Committee.)*

General debate resumed on the question (*see page 294*), That the first item in the Estimates for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., under Division I.—The Department of Defence—namely—Naval establishments—Machinery and plant, £1,500, be agreed to, and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Latham, That the first item be reduced by £1.  
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

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

5. MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General's Deputy was received, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

SOMERS,

*Deputy of the Governor-General.**Message No. 41.*

A Proposed Law intituled:—

*“Census and Statistics Act 1930”*

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

State Government House,  
Melbourne, 21st July, 1930.

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

And then the House, at eighteen minutes past eleven 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. Brennan, Mr. Coleman\*, Mr. Culley, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Albert Green, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Killen\*, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Marks, Mr. Mathews\*, Mr. Morgan, and Mr. Theodore.

\* On leave.

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