

1929-30-31.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 114.

THURSDAY, 5TH MARCH, 1931.

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. MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY LORD SOMERS, ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency Lord Somers, Administering the Government of the Commonwealth, were received, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :—

SOMERS,

*Person Administering the Government of the  
Commonwealth of Australia.*

*Message No. 62.*

A Proposed Law intituled "*Patents Act 1930*", as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Person Administering the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Law.

Government House,  
Canberra, 16th December, 1930.

SOMERS,

*Person Administering the Government of the  
Commonwealth of Australia.*

*Message No. 63.*

Proposed Laws intituled :—

"*Port Augusta to Red Hill Railway Act 1930*",  
"*Wheat Advances Act 1930*",

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Person Administering the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Laws.

Government House,  
Canberra, 23rd December, 1930.

3. PAPER.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute—

Audit Act—Finance 1929-30—Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the year ended 30th June, 1930, accompanied by the Report of the Auditor-General.

5th March, 1931.

4. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—CHANGES IN MINISTRY.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) announced to the House that certain changes had been made in the composition of the Ministry, which is now constituted as follows :—

Prime Minister, Minister for External Affairs and Minister for Industry	The Right Honorable James Henry Scullin, M.P.
Treasurer .. .. .	The Honorable Edward Granville Theodore, M.P.
Vice-President of the Executive Council ..	Senator the Honorable John Barnes
Attorney-General .. .. .	The Honorable Frank Brennan, M.P.
Postmaster-General and Minister for Works	The Honorable Albert Ernest Green, M.P.
Minister for Markets and Minister for Transport	The Honorable Parker John Moloney, M.P.
Minister for Trade and Customs .. .. .	The Honorable Francis Michael Forde, M.P.
Minister for Home Affairs .. .. .	The Honorable Arthur Blakeley, M.P.
Minister for Health and Minister for Repatriation	The Honorable John McNeill, M.P.
Minister for Defence .. .. .	The Honorable Joseph Benedict Chifley, M.P.
Assistant Minister for Industry, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, Development, and Assistant to the Treasurer	The Honorable Edward James Holloway, M.P.
Assistant Minister for Works .. .. .	Senator the Honorable John Braidwood Dooley
Assistant Minister for Transport and War Service Homes	The Honorable Charles Ernest Culley, M.P.

5. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—EXPORT DUTY ON SHEEPSKINS.—Mr. Forde (Minister for Trade and Customs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement announcing that the Government had decided to cease collecting the export duty on sheepskins, and to refund the amounts already collected.
6. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WINE EXPORT BOUNTY BILL (1931).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

ISAAC A. ISAACS,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 64.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Wine Export Bounty Act 1930*.

Canberra, 5th March, 1931.

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

7. MEMBER NAMED.—Mr. Speaker named the honorable Member for Oxley (Mr. Bayley) for disregarding the authority of the Chair.  
Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) having addressed the House, and Mr. Bayley having expressed his regret, the matter was not further proceeded with.
8. SPEAKER'S RULING.—Mr. Theodore (Treasurer) giving notice of a motion, and Mr. Gullett moving, That the Treasurer be not further heard, Mr. Speaker ruled that the motion would not be accepted as the Treasurer had already resumed his seat when the motion was made.  
*Dissent from Speaker's Ruling.*—Mr. Gullett handed in, in writing, the following objection to the Ruling :—That the ruling of the honorable the Speaker—that he is not bound to put a motion that a Member be not further heard in the event of the said Member resuming his seat—be disagreed with.  
The debate thereon was forthwith adjourned to the next day of sitting.
9. WANT OF CONFIDENCE—NOTICE OF MOTION.—Mr. Latham (Leader of the Opposition) gave notice of a motion of Want of Confidence which he proposed to move to-morrow.
10. 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 three 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. Anstey, Mr. Beasley, Mr. Eldridge, Mr. Guy, Mr. Hawker, Mr. James, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Mathews, Mr. Nelson, and Mr. Stewart.

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