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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 116.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH MARCH, 1931.

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. RETURN TO WRIT (EAST SYDNEY DIVISION).—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a Return to the Writ which he had issued on the 18th February last, for the Election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of East Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, in the place of John Edward West, deceased, and that by the indorsement on the Writ it appeared that Edward John Ward had been elected in pursuance of the said Writ.
3. MEMBER SWORN.—Edward John Ward, Esquire, was introduced, and made and subscribed the oath required by law.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Electoral Act—Reports, with Maps, by the Commissioners appointed for the purpose of redistributing into Electoral Divisions the States of—  
Victoria.  
Western Australia.
5. WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Latham :—  
(1) That the Government no longer possesses the confidence of this House.  
(2) That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Debate resumed.  
Mr. Mackay 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 the next sitting.
6. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General Commonwealth and State Ministers—Conference held at Canberra and Melbourne, February, 1931—Report of Proceedings and Decisions.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.  
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Excise Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1931, No. 25.  
Inscribed Stock Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1931, No. 17.  
Land Tax Assessment Act—Applications for Relief from Taxation during the year 1930.  
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at Mackay, Queensland—For Defence purposes.  
Norfolk Island Act—Ordinance of 1930—No. 4—Crown Lands.  
Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—  
Ordinances of 1931—  
No. 1—Fish Protection.  
No. 2—Public Baths.  
No. 3—Careless Use of Fire.  
Fish Protection Ordinance—Regulations.
7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 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. Culley, Mr. Guy, Mr. Hawker, Mr. James, Mr. Jones, Mr. Mathews, and Mr. Thompson.

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

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