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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 122.

TUESDAY, 24TH 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. DEATH OF SENATOR H. E. ELLIOTT.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That this House expresses its deep regret at the death of Senator Major-General Harold Edward Elliott, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., D.C.M., V.D., places on record its appreciation of his meritorious public service, and tenders its profound sympathy to his widow and family in their bereavement.  
And Mr. Latham (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr. Earle Page and Mr. Donald Cameron having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen in silence—  
Question—passed.  
Resolved—That Mr. Speaker be requested to transmit to Mrs. Elliott the foregoing Resolution, together with a copy of the speeches delivered thereon.
3. SUSPENSION OF SITTING AS MARK OF RESPECT.—As a mark of respect to the memory of the late honorable Senator, the sitting was thereupon suspended until four o'clock p.m.
4. RESUMPTION OF SITTING.—At four o'clock p.m. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.
5. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Fuel Oils—Memorandum by A. C. D. Rivett, M.A., D.Sc., Chief Executive Officer, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, on the present position of investigations into the production of fuel oils from coal, dated 22nd January, 1931.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.  
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—  
Public Health Ordinance—Regulations—  
Boarding Houses.  
Eating Houses.  
Ice Cream Vendors.  
Service and Execution of Process Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1931, No. 27.
6. COMMONWEALTH BANK BILL (1931).—Mr. Theodore (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Bank Act 1911-1929*.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.  
Mr. Theodore 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. Theodore moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Mr. Earle Page 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.
7. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That the Standing Orders be suspended to permit the consideration of Notice of Motion No. 2, Government Business.  
Question—put and passed.
8. BANK INTEREST BILL.—Mr. Theodore (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to Rates of Interest and Discount and for other purposes.  
Question—put and passed.  
Mr. Theodore 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.

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9. FIDUCIARY NOTES 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—  
Debate resumed.  
Mr. Holloway (Honorary Minister) addressing the House and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257A—the honorable Member was given leave to continue his speech.  
Debate continued.  
Mr. Keane 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.
10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-five minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Guy, Mr. James, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Mathews, and Mr. Ward.

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F. C. GREEN,  
*Clerk-Assistant, House of Representatives.*