

1929-30-31.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 123.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH 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. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until ten o'clock a.m. to-morrow.
Question—put and passed.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Naval Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1931, Nos. 22, 26.
Navigation Act—Regulations Amended, &c.—Statutory Rules 1931, Nos. 20, 24.
Papua Act—Ordinance of 1930—No. 3—Police Offences.
Public Service Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1931, No. 29.
4. DISTILLATION BILL (1931).—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.

(*In the Committee.*)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.
Clause 3 debated and agreed to.
Clause 4 agreed to.
Title agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Forde (Minister for Trade and Customs), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

5. BANK INTEREST BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Theodore (Treasurer) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Latham 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.

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6. 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.

Closure.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—being accordingly put—

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Makin, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Beasley	Mr. Lewis
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Long
Mr. Brennan	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Martens
Mr. Coleman	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Culley	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Rowe
Mr. Cusack	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Eldridge	Mr. Theodore
Mr. Forde	Mr. Tully
Mr. Frost	Mr. Ward
Mr. Gibbons	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. Jones	
Mr. Keane	
Mr. Lacey	
Mr. Lazzarini	

Tellers:

Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Yates

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Mr. Bell	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Price
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Gardner	Mr. White
Mr. Roland Green	
Mr. Gregory	
Mr. Gullett	
Mr. Hawker	
Mr. Hill	
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Latham	
Mr. Mackay	
Mr. Marks	
Mr. Marr	
Mr. Maxwell	

Tellers:

Mr. Bayley
Mr. Hunter

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 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 itself into the said Committee.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at thirteen minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at ten o'clock a.m.

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

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk-Assistant, House of Representatives.