

1929-30-31.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 134.

WEDNESDAY, 29TH APRIL, 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. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Eldridge rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The termination of the services of returned soldiers in the Commonwealth Public Service, such as—

(1) Cleaners from the Engineering Branch of the General Post Office, Sydney; and

(2) Limbless soldiers from various Departments".

Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—

Mr. Eldridge moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Mr. McNeill (Minister for Health and Repatriation) rising to address the House—

Closure moved.—Mr. Bernard Corser moved, That the question be now put.

Question That the question be now put—put.

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

Ayes, 29.

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| Mr. Bell | Mr. Marr |
| Mr. Donald Cameron | Mr. Maxwell |
| Mr. Malcolm Cameron | Mr. McGrath |
| Mr. Bernard Corser | Mr. Morgan |
| Mr. Fenton | Mr. Nairn |
| Mr. Josiah Francis | Mr. Earle Page |
| Mr. Gabb | Mr. Parkhill |
| Mr. Gardner | Mr. Price |
| Mr. Roland Green | Mr. Prowse |
| Mr. Gregory | Mr. Stewart |
| Mr. Guy | Mr. White |
| Mr. Hill | |
| Mr. Hughes | |
| Mr. Killen | |
| Mr. Mackay | |
| Mr. Marks | |

Tellers:

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| Mr. Bayley |
| Mr. Hunter |

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| Mr. Anstey | Mr. Jones |
| Mr. Beasley | Mr. Keane |
| Mr. Blakeley | Mr. Lacey |
| Mr. Brennan | Mr. Lazzarini |
| Mr. Chifley | Mr. Lewis |
| Mr. Coleman | Mr. Long |
| Mr. Crouch | Mr. W. Maloney |
| Mr. Culley | Mr. Martens |
| Mr. Cunningham | Mr. McNeill |
| Mr. Curtin | Mr. Parker Moloney |
| Mr. Cusack | Mr. Edward Riley |
| Mr. Eldridge | Mr. Riordan |
| Mr. Forde | Mr. Rowe |
| Mr. Frost | Mr. Tully |
| Mr. Gibbons | |
| Mr. Albert Green | |
| Mr. Holloway | |
| Mr. James | |

Tellers:

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| Mr. E. C. Riley |
| Mr. Watkins |

And so it was negatived.
Debate continued.

The debate having been continued for two hours, it was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 257B, and the Orders of the Day were called on in accordance with Standing Order No. 119.

3. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Blakeley (Minister for Home Affairs) moved, by leave, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable Questions upon Notice to be answered and Notice of Motion No. 1 to be considered.

Question—put and passed.

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4. PRINTING COMMITTEE—SIXTH REPORT.—Mr. Tully, for the Chairman, brought up the Sixth Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate). The Report was read by the Clerk, as follows :—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have met in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered certain correspondence referred to it concerning the method of printing the Reports and Statements of the Sugar Inquiry Committee, a motion for the printing of which is now before the House of Representatives, recommend as follows :—

That, in the event of the Papers being ordered by the House to be printed, they be printed in one volume in the following order :—

- (a) Unanimous Statements ;
- (b) Majority Report ;
- (c) Minority Report ;

and that there be no duplication of matter.

J. T. TULLY,
for Chairman.

Senate Committee Room,
29th April, 1931.

Mr. Tully moved, by leave, That the Report be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Export Guarantee Act—Return showing assistance granted to 31st March, 1931.
Wine Overseas Marketing Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1931, Nos. 37, 38.
6. SOLAR OBSERVATORY FUND BILL (1931).—Mr. Blakeley (Minister for Home Affairs) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Solar Observatory Fund Act 1930*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Blakeley 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. Blakeley moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
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.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Blakeley, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

7. WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 9) AND EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 9)].—The House, according to order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

[See proposed Resolutions for Customs and Excise Tariff Amendment of the 26th March, 1931 (pages 508-569).]

General debate resumed on the first Item of the Customs Tariff.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—NORTHERN TERRITORY (ADMINISTRATION) BILL (1930).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 114.

The Senate acquaints the House of Representatives that the Senate has agreed to a Conference with five Members of the House on the Bill for "An Act to amend the 'Northern Territory (Administration) Act 1910-1926', to repeal the 'Northern Australia Act 1926', and for other purposes", and has appointed Senators Barnes, Dooley, Hoare, McLachlan and Carroll to represent it at such Conference.

The Senate has appointed the Senate Committee Room (main floor) as the place, and the hour of 8 p.m. to-day, as the time, for the holding of the Conference.

WALTER KINGSMILL,
President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 29th April, 1931.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be considered forthwith.

29th April, 1931.

Mr. Blakeley (Minister for Home Affairs) moved, That the place and time appointed by the Senate for the Conference be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

9. WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 9) AND EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 9)].—
The House, according to order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

[See proposed Resolutions for Customs and Excise Tariff Amendment of the 26th March, 1931 (pages 508-569).]

General debate resumed on the first Item of the Customs Tariff.

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.

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 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. Gullett, Mr. Hawker, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Mathews, Mr. Thomas Paterson, Mr. Theodore, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Ward, and Mr. Yates.

E. W. PARKES,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.