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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 157.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH JUNE, 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. JOINT COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—REPORTS.—Mr. Coleman, Chairman of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, brought up the following Reports from the Committee :—  
Finances of South Australia as affected by Federation.  
Finances of Tasmania as affected by Federation.  
Ordered to be printed.
3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—RESIGNATION OF ASSISTANT MINISTER (MR. HOLLOWAY).—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement announcing the resignation of Mr. Holloway as Assistant Minister.
4. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Commonwealth and State Ministers—Conference held at Melbourne, May-June, 1931—  
Proceedings and Decisions.  
Ordered to lie on the Table and, after debate, to be printed.  
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Canned Fruits Export Control Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1931, Nos. 65, 66.  
High Court Procedure Act and Judiciary Act—Rule of Court—Dated 18th May, 1931.  
Northern Australia Act—  
Central Australia—Slaughtering Ordinance—Regulations Amended.  
North Australia—Public Service Ordinance—Regulations Amended.  
Papua Act—Ordinance of 1930—No. 13—Public Service (Deduction from Salaries).  
Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance of 1931—No. 10—Pharmacy.

*Suspension of Sitting.*—At twenty-five minutes to four o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

*Resumption of Sitting.*—At twenty-five minutes to five o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

5. COMMONWEALTH BANK BILL [No. 2] (1931).—Mr. Theodore (Treasurer) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend Part II. and Part VI. of the *Commonwealth Bank Act 1911-1929*.  
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.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put.

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

Ayes, 57.		Noes, 2.
Mr. Bell	Mr. Mackay	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Gabb
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Marks	Mr. Roland Green
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marr	
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Martens	
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Maxwell	
Mr. Coleman	Mr. McGrath	
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. McNeill	
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Parker Moloney	
Mr. Culley	Mr. Morgan	
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Nairn	
Mr. Cusack	Mr. Parkhill	
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Thomas Paterson	
Mr. Forde	Mr. Price	
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Prowse	
Mr. Frost	Mr. Edward Riley	
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Riordan	
Mr. Gibbons	Mr. Rowe	
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Scullin	
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Stewart	
Mr. Guy	Mr. Theodore	
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Tully	
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Watkins	
Mr. Keane	Mr. White	
Mr. Killen	Mr. Yates	
Mr. Lacey		
Mr. Latham	<i>Tellers:</i>	
Mr. Lewis		
Mr. Long	Mr. Bayley	
Mr. Lyons	Mr. E. C. Riley	

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 agreed to.

Clause 2—

On the motion of Mr. Theodore, the following amendment was made:—

Pages 1 and 2, omit proposed section 7E, insert the following section in place thereof:—

“7E. The Treasurer may, from time to time, notify the Board in writing that it is, in his opinion, desirable that the Board use for the discharge of the indebtedness of the Commonwealth in London in respect of Treasury Bills maturing on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one, such amount of gold held by the Bank or by the Board as is specified in the notice, and the Board may, if it agrees with the opinion notified to it, cause the gold specified in the notice to be so used accordingly, and the Treasurer shall, in exchange for any gold so used, issue to the Bank Commonwealth securities to an equivalent amount:

Bank may use  
gold to pay  
Commonwealth  
indebtedness.

Provided that the amount of gold which may be used under the authority of this section shall not exceed Five million pounds.”

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 3—

On the motion of Mr. Latham, the following amendments were made, after debate:—

Page 2, line 6, after “amended” insert “—(a)”.

Page 2, at the end of the clause add—

“; and (b) by omitting from sub-section (1.) the word ‘issued’ and inserting in its stead the words ‘on issue during the two years ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-three, not less than eighteen per centum of such notes on issue during the year ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-four, not less than twenty-one and one-half per centum of such notes on issue during the year ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-five, and not less than twenty-five per centum of such notes on issue after the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-five’”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

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

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6. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 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. Curtin, Mr. Eldridge, Mr. Hawker, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Mathews, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Ward.

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