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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 158.

THURSDAY, 18TH JUNE, 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. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (MR. MATHEWS).**—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Melbourne Ports (Mr. Mathews), on the ground of ill-health.
Question—put and passed.
3. **DEBT CONVERSION AGREEMENT BILL.**—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to approve an Agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia of the First Part and the States of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania, of the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Parts respectively, relating to the Conversion of the Internal Public Debts of the Commonwealth and the States.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Scullin 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. Scullin moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Member named.—The Deputy-Speaker (Mr. McGrath) named the honorable Member for Adelaide (Mr. Yates) for disregarding the authority of the Chair.
Mr. Scullin having addressed the House, and Mr. Yates having expressed his regret, the matter was not further proceeded with.
Mr. Scullin continued his speech.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Theodore (Treasurer) addressing the House and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257B—
Ordered—That the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech.
Mr. Theodore continued and concluded his speech.
Debate continued.
Mr. Lazzarini addressing the House and the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257B having terminated—
Mr. Beasley moved, That the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech.
Question—put and negatived.
Debate continued.
Mr. Brennan 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.
4. **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—COMMONWEALTH BANK BILL [No. 2] (1931).**—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—
MR. SPEAKER, *Message No. 117.*
The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend Part II. and Part VI. of the ‘Commonwealth Bank Act 1911–1929’*,” and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

WALTER KINGSMILL,
President.

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5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Brennan (Attorney-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-four minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Eldridge, Mr. Hawker, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Mathews*, Mr. Earle Page, and Mr. Ward.

* On leave.

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