

1929-30-31.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 159.

FRIDAY, 19TH JUNE, 1931.

1. **The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Norman J. O. Makin) took the Chair, and offered Prayers.**
2. **PAPER.**—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Sugar—Agreement, 1931-1936, between the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia and the Government of the State of Queensland (dated 1st June, 1931).
Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. **COMMONWEALTH DEBT CONVERSION BILL.**—Mr. Theodore (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Conversion of the Internal Public Debts of the Commonwealth and the States, and for other purposes.
Question—put and passed.
4. **FINANCIAL EMERGENCY BILL.**—Mr. Theodore (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to make necessary Provision for carrying out a Plan agreed on by the Commonwealth and the States for meeting the grave Financial Emergency existing in Australia, re-establishing Financial Stability, and restoring Industrial and General Prosperity.
Question—put and passed.
5. **SEAT OF GOVERNMENT (ADMINISTRATION) 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 *Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1910-1930*.
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. Deputy-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, after debate.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Josiah Francis reported accordingly.

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

19th June, 1931.

6. DEBT CONVERSION AGREEMENT 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. Beasley 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. Beasley continued and concluded his speech.
 Debate continued.
 Mr. Latham 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. Latham continuing to address the House and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the further time allowed—
 Ordered—That the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech.
 Mr. Latham continuing to address the House and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the further time allowed—
 Ordered—That the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech.
 Mr. Latham continued and concluded his speech.
 Debate continued.
 Mr. Brennan (Attorney-General) addressing the House and not having concluded his speech—the House ordered that the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
 Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at three minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

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

* On leave.

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