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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 163.

FRIDAY, 26TH JUNE, 1931.

1. **The House met, at fifteen minutes past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Norman J. O. Makin) took the Chair, and offered Prayers.**
2. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determination by the Arbitrator, &c.—No. 12 of 1931—
Arms, Explosives and Mmunition Workers' Federation of Australia.
Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—
Dentists Registration Ordinance—Regulations.
3. **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1931-32.**—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER, *Message No. 119.*

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and thirty-two,*" and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

WALTER KINGSMILL,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 26th June, 1931.
4. **NEW STANDING ORDER.—REPLIES TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE.**—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That the following new Standing Order be adopted by the House :—
"96A. The reply to a Question on Notice shall be given by delivering the same in writing to the Clerk at the Table, and a copy thereof shall be supplied to the Member who has asked the Question."
Debate ensued.
The motion was amended, by leave, by adding the words "and such question and reply shall be printed in *Hansard*."
Debate continued.
Question—That the motion, as amended, be agreed to—put and passed.
5. **COMMONWEALTH DEBT CONVERSION BILL.**—Mr. Theodore (Treasurer), pursuant to leave given on the 19th instant, brought up a Bill intituled "*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,*" 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.
Mr. Lyons 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.
6. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-four 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. Culley
Mr. Eldridge, Mr. Hawker, Mr. Hill, Mr. Latham, Mr. Marr, Mr. Martens, Mr. Mathews*, Mr. McNeill
Mr. Nelson, Mr. Earle Page*, and Mr. Ward.

* On leave.

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