

1929-30-31.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 164.

TUESDAY, 30TH 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. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—CHANGES IN MINISTRY.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister), by leave, announced that Senator the Honorable J. J. Daly and the Honorable L. L. Cunningham had been appointed Assistant Ministers, in place of the Honorable E. J. Holloway and the Honorable C. E. Culley, resigned.
3. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were received, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :—

ISAAC A. ISAACS,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 73.*

A Proposed Law intituled "*Northern Territory (Administration) Act (No. 2) 1931*," as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Law.

Government House,  
Canberra, 26th June, 1931.

ISAAC A. ISAACS,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 74.*

A Proposed Law intituled "*Supply Act (No. 1) 1931-32*," as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Law.

Government House,  
Canberra, 27th June, 1931.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SEAT OF GOVERNMENT (ADMINISTRATION) BILL (1931).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

*Message No. 120.*

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1910-1930'*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 26th June, 1931.

WALTER KINGSMILL,  
President.

5. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
War Pensions—Special Committee appointed to consider questions relating to Reduction—  
Interim Report.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—

Public Service Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1931, No. 75.

30th June, 1931.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered, after debate—That Order of the Day No. 1 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 2, Government Business.

7. COMMONWEALTH DEBT CONVERSION 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. Yates moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word "Bill" be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof:—"be withdrawn with a view to incorporating provisions so that the Act shall apply to overseas bondholders domiciled in Great Britain".

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.  
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Makin, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 41.		Noes, 10.
Mr. Bell	Mr. Lacey	Mr. Beasley
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Latham	Mr. Culley
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lewis	Mr. Curtin
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Lyons	Mr. Eldridge
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Martens
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Marr	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Rowe
Mr. Cusack	Mr. McNeill	
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Parker Moloney	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Forde	Mr. Parkhill	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Yates
Mr. Frost	Mr. Prowse	
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Edward Riley	
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Scullin	
Mr. Gibbons	Mr. Theodore	
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Tully	
Mr. Gregory		
Mr. Gullett	<i>Tellers:</i>	
Mr. Guy		
Mr. Keane	Mr. Bayley	
Mr. Killen	Mr. E. C. Riley	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Debate continued.

Mr. Gibbons 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.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-four minutes to 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. Anstey, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Hawker, Mr. Hill, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Hunter, Mr. James, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Marks, Mr. Mathews\*, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Earle Page\*, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Ward, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. White.

\* On leave.

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