

1929-30-31.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 165.

WEDNESDAY, 1ST JULY, 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. DEBT CONVERSION AGREEMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.  
The Schedule debated—  
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.  
Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

3. 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.  
*Closure moved.*—Mr. Martens moved, That the question be now put.  
Question—That the question be now put—put.  
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Makin, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 6.		Noes, 50.
Mr. Keane	Mr. Bell	Mr. Latham
Mr. Long	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Lewis
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Martens	Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marks
	Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Marr
	Mr. Chifley	Mr. Maxwell
	Mr. Coleman	Mr. McGrath
	Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. McNeill
	Mr. Crouch	Mr. Parker Moloney
	Mr. Culley	Mr. Nairn
	Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Parkhill
	Mr. Cusack	Mr. Thomas Paterson
	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Price
	Mr. Forde	Mr. Prowse
	Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. E. C. Riley
	Mr. Frost	Mr. Rowe
	Mr. Gabb	Mr. Scullin
	Mr. Gardner	Mr. Stewart
	Mr. Gibbons	Mr. Theodore
	Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Thompson
	Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Tully
	Mr. Guy	Mr. White
	Mr. Hill	
	Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers:</i>
	Mr. Jones	Mr. Bayley
	Mr. Killen	Mr. Hunter

And so it was negatived.

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Debate continued.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.  
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 8 agreed to.

Clause 9—

Mr. Beasley moved, as an amendment, That the word "may" (page 3, line 24) be omitted with a view to the insertion of the word "must" in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. McGrath, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 49.		Noes, 3.
Mr. Bell	Mr. Lacey	Mr. Beasley
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Latham	
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lewis	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Long	Mr. Eldridge
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Marks	
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Marr	
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Maxwell	
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. McNeill	
Mr. Cusack	Mr. Parker Moloney	
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Nairn	
Mr. Forde	Mr. Parkhill	
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson	
Mr. Frost	Mr. Price	
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Prowse	
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Edward Riley	
Mr. Gibbons	Mr. Scullin	
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Stewart	
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Theodore	
Mr. Guy	Mr. Tully	
Mr. Hawker	Mr. White	
Mr. Hill		
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers:</i>	
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Bayley	
Mr. Jones	Mr. E. C. Riley	
Mr. Keane		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 10—

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

ISAAC A. ISAACS,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 75.*

A Proposed Law intituled "*Seat of Government (Administration) Act 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, 1st July, 1931.

5. ADJOURNMENT—COUNT-OUT.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.

Mr. Bayley called the attention of Mr. Speaker to the fact that a quorum of Members was not present. The Bells having been rung, and a quorum not having been obtained within the prescribed time, Mr. Speaker thereupon, at twenty-five minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned the House 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. Gregory, Mr. Holloway, Mr. James, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Mathews\*, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Earle Page\*, and Mr. Ward.

\* On leave.

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