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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 180.

FRIDAY, 31ST JULY, 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. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—INCOME TAX BILL (1931).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 131.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to impose Taxes upon Incomes*," and requests the House to amend the Bill as set forth in the annexed Schedule.

WALTER KINGSMILL,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 30th July, 1931.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message to be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendments requested by the Senate, which are as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF REQUESTS BY THE SENATE FOR AMENDMENTS.

No. 1.—Page 1, clause 2, line 5, leave out "1930", insert "1931".

No. 2.—Page 2, clause 5, line 36, leave out "1930", insert "1931".

No. 3.—Page 2, clause 5, line 39, leave out "1930", insert "1931".

Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the Requested Amendments be made.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Scullin, the House adopted the Report.

Ordered—That the Bill, as amended, be returned to the Senate accordingly.

3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—BANK RATES OF INTEREST.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the failure of the Banks to reduce the rates of Interest on Loans and Deposits, and informed the House of the present negotiations between the Government and the Banks in regard to the matter.
4. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—REPORTED GOLD LOAN.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement regarding a published report that a loan of fifteen million pounds in gold was available in London to the Commonwealth.
5. STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS.—Mr. Lyons (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, made a Statement in connexion with the attitude of the Banks to the reduction of interest rates.  
Mr. Beasley, by leave, also made a Statement with reference to the matter.

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6. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Papua—Annual Report for the year 1929–30.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Defence Act—Royal Military College—Report for year 1930.

Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act—Statement for 1930–31.

7. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL [No. 2] (1931).—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.

Question—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Makin, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 41.

Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Long
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lyons
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marks
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Marr
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Coleman	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Cusack	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Forde	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Frost	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Gibbons	Mr. Rowe
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Guy	Mr. Tully
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Hill	Mr. Yates
Mr. Hunter	
Mr. Jones	
Mr. Keane	
Mr. Lacey	
Mr. Lewis	

Tellers:

Mr. Bayley  
Mr. E. C. Riley

Noes, 5.

Mr. Beasley  
Mr. Eldridge  
Mr. James

Tellers:

Mr. Lazzarini  
Mr. Ward

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—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 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3—

On the motion of Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister), the following amendment was made, after debate:—

Page 2, lines 11–16, omit all the words in paragraph (1) after the words “ of the shares ” and insert in their stead the words “—

(A) any part of that total sum which is not included in the assessable income of the member or shareholder, and

(B) such portion (if any) of the deductions allowable from the income derived by the member or shareholder from property as, in the opinion of the Commissioner, is properly attributable to the part of that total sum which is included in the assessable income of the member or shareholder; and ”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 4 agreed to.

Clause 5—

On the motion of Mr. Scullin, the following amendments were made, after debate:—

Page 2, line 44, omit “ and ”.

Page 2, after paragraph (a) insert the following paragraph:—

“(aa) by inserting in sub-paragraph (ii) of paragraph (h) of sub-section (1.), after the words ‘affiliated therewith’, the words ‘or established by the Commonwealth’; and ”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 6 to 10 agreed to.

Clause 11 debated and agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

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

8. FEDERAL AID ROADS BILL (1931).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—

Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Thomas Paterson 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 a later hour this day.

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9. SOUTH AUSTRALIA GRANT BILL (1931).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—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.)*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.  
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Scullin, the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 795) the Bill was read a third time.

10. WESTERN AUSTRALIA GRANT BILL (1931).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Question—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.)*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.  
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Scullin, the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 795) the Bill was read a third time.

11. FEDERAL AID ROADS BILL (1931).—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. Cusack 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.
12. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—INCOME TAX BILL (1931).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

*Message No. 132.*

MR. SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to impose Taxes upon Incomes* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill as amended by the House at the request of the Senate.

WALTER KINGSMILL,  
*President.*

The Senate,  
Canberra, 31st July, 1931.

13. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—  
New Guinea Act—Ordinance of 1931—No. 21—Superannuation (No. 2).
14. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.  
Question—put and passed.
15. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-six minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Anstey, Mr. Bell, Mr. Bernard Corser, Mr. Crouch, Mr. Culley, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Josiah Francis, Mr. Gabb, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Gullett, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Killen, Mr. Latham, Mr. Mackay, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Martens, Mr. Mathews, Mr. Nairn, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Price, Mr. Prowse, Mr. Edward Riley, Mr. Theodore, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. White.

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