

1929-30-31.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 183.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH SEPTEMBER, 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. DEATH OF THE HONORABLE H. MAHON.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That this House expresses its deep regret at the death of the late Honorable Hugh Mahon, a former Member of the House of Representatives and Minister of the Crown, places on record its appreciation of his meritorious public service, and tenders its profound sympathy to his widow and family in their bereavement.
And Mr. Lyons (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and other honorable Members having addressed the House, and all Members present having risen in silence—
Question—passed.
Resolved—That Mr. Speaker be requested to transmit to Mrs. Mahon the foregoing Resolution.
3. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—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. 92.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

- “ South Australia Grant Act 1931,”
- “ Western Australia Grant Act 1931,”
- “ Commonwealth Public Service Act 1931,”
- “ Federal Aid Roads Act 1931,”
- “ Income Tax Assessment Act 1931,”
- “ Income Tax 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 Laws.

Government House,
Canberra, 7th August, 1931.

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

PHILIP GAME,
Deputy of the Governor-General.

Message No. 93.

Proposed Laws Intituled:—

- "Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 1) 1931,"
- "Sales Tax Act (No. 1) 1931,"
- "Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 2) 1931,"
- "Sales Tax Act (No. 2) 1931,"
- "Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 3) 1931,"
- "Sales Tax Act (No. 3) 1931,"
- "Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 4) 1931,"
- "Sales Tax Act (No. 4) 1931,"
- "Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 5) 1931,"
- "Sales Tax Act (No. 5) 1931,"
- "Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 6) 1931,"
- "Sales Tax Act (No. 6) 1931,"
- "Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 7) 1931,"
- "Sales Tax Act (No. 7) 1931,"
- "Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 8) 1931,"
- "Sales Tax Act (No. 8) 1931,"
- "Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 9) 1931,"
- "Sales Tax Act (No. 9) 1931,"

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Deputy of the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Laws.

Government House,
Sydney, 10th August, 1931.

5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act—War Pensions Entitlement Appeal Tribunal—Report for year 1930-31.

Ordered to be printed.

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1931—

No. 16—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.

No. 17—Australian Third Division Telegraphists and Postal Clerks' Union.

Nos. 18 and 19—Commonwealth Storemen and Packers' Union of Australia, Commonwealth Storemen and Packers' Union and the Commonwealth Naval Storehousemen's Association.

No. 20—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia, and the Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.

No. 21—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.

No. 22—Commonwealth Telephone Officers' Association.

Debt Conversion Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1931, No. 103.

Inscribed Stock Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1931, No. 102.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at Corowa, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.

Naval Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1931, No. 97.

Navigation Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1931, No. 95.

New Guinea Act—Ordinances of 1931—

No. 22—Supply (No. 2) 1931-1932.

No. 23—Claims by and against the Administration.

No. 24—Prisons.

Public Service Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1931, Nos. 108, 109.

Science and Industry Endowment Act—Report by the Auditor-General on the Science and Industry Endowment Fund as at 30th June, 1931.

Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—

Ordinances of 1931—

No. 13—Meat.

No. 14—Mortgagors' Interest Reduction.

No. 15—Liquor (No. 3).

Building and Services Ordinance—Regulations Amended (Electric Supply).

Meat Ordinance—

Regulations.

Regulations Amended.

Public Health Ordinance—

Regulations (Meat).

Regulations Amended (Meat).

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of Federal Capital Territory for 1930-31.

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6. WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENTS (NOS. 9, 10 AND 11) AND EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENTS (NOS. 9 AND 10)].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

[See proposed Resolutions for Customs and Excise Tariff Amendments of the 26th March, 1931 (pages 508-569), and of the 29th July, 1931 (pages 780-2).]

Postponed Item numbered 145, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
145. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “ 145. Iron and Steel Plate and Sheet, viz. :— Corrugated Galvanized, Galvanized not Corrugated, and Corrugated not Galvanized per ton	110s.	130s.	150s.”

considered, by leave.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Forde (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the Item be amended by adding the following proviso :—

“ Provided that if at any time the Minister notifies in the *Gazette* that in his opinion the Australian requirements for the goods specified in this item for any period of twelve months after the first day of September, 1931, have exceeded 60,000 tons, the rates of duty on such goods shall, on and from the date of the gazettal, be 90s. per ton (British Preferential Tariff), 110s. per ton (Intermediate Tariff), and 130s. per ton (General Tariff).”

Debate continued.

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.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty 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. Blakeley, Mr. Donald Cameron, Mr. Eldridge, Mr. Josiah Francis, Mr. Gibbons, Mr. Albert Green, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Hill, Mr. Killen, Mr. Lacey, Mr. Marr, Mr. Mathews, Mr. Nelson, and Mr. Ward.

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