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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 202.

FRIDAY, 23RD OCTOBER, 1931.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Deputy-Speaker (Mr. D. C. McGrath) took the Chair, and offered Prayers.
2. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Latham rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The shipping strike and the necessity for prompt restoration of shipping services".
Mr. Deputy-Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—
Mr. Latham moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS BILL (1931).—Mr. Deputy-Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—
MR. SPEAKER, Message No. 163.
The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the Committee of Public Accounts Act 1913-1920*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.
WALTER KINGSMILL,
President.
The Senate,
Canberra, 23rd October, 1931.
Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, at a later hour this day.
4. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—RELIEF OF UNEMPLOYMENT.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement announcing the immediate proposals of the Government to relieve unemployment.
5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determination by the Arbitrator, &c.—
No. 26 of 1931—Australian Postal Electricians' Union.
Shipping Act—Commonwealth Shipping Board—
Australian Commonwealth Line of Steamers—
Treasury Loan Account as at 30th April, 1931.
Liquidation Account as at 30th April, 1931.
Cockatoo Island—Balance-sheet as at 31st March, 1931.
6. INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS 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.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Deputy-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. Crouch reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Cunningham (Assistant Minister), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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7. AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF ANATOMY AGREEMENT BILL (1931).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. McNeill (Minister for Health) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Deputy-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. Crouch reported accordingly.

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

8. SERVICE AND EXECUTION OF PROCESS BILL (1931).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Brennan (Attorney-General) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time. Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Deputy-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. Crouch reported accordingly.

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

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 4 to 13 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 14, Government Business.

10. LEAGUE OF NATIONS—INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION—FOURTEENTH SESSION—REPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN DELEGATES—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Coleman, That the Paper [*presented on the 21st April last*], viz. :—

League of Nations—International Labour Organization—Fourteenth Session—Report of Australian Delegates—

be printed—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Hughes 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.

11. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Thursday next at three o'clock p.m.

Question—put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twelve minutes past three o'clock p.m., adjourned until Thursday 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. Malcolm Cameron, Mr. Culley, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Josiah Francis, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Guy, Mr. Hawker, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Lacey*, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Makin, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Marr, Mr. Martens, Mr. Mathews*, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Price, Mr. Prowse, Mr. Edward Riley, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Ward, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Yates.

* On leave.

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