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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 205.

WEDNESDAY, 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 1931.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., according to the terms of the Resolution of the 30th October last.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Norman J. O. Makin) took the Chair, and offered Prayers.
2. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

[*Appropriation (Unemployment Relief Works) Bill*]

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 170.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum of Two hundred and fifty-thousand pounds for the purpose of Expenditure on Works to provide Relief to Persons out of Employment,*" and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

WALTER KINGSMILL,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 30th October, 1931.

[*Commonwealth Debt Conversion Bill (No. 2) 1931*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 171.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act for carrying out and giving effect to an Agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia of the First Part and the States of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania of the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Parts respectively, relating to the Conversion of the Internal Public Debts of the Commonwealth and the States, and for other purposes,*" and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

WALTER KINGSMILL,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 4th November, 1931.

[*Debt Conversion Agreement Bill (No. 2) 1931*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 172.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to approve an Agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia of the First Part and the States of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania of the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Parts respectively,*" and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

WALTER KINGSMILL,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 6th November, 1931.

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. 101.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

"*Australian Institute of Anatomy Agreement Act 1931,*"

"*Service and Execution of Process 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, 29th October, 1931.

25th November, 1931.

ISAAC A. ISAACS,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 102.

A Proposed Law intituled "*Invalid and Old-age Pensions 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.

Governor-General's Office,  
Victoria Barracks,  
Melbourne, 2nd November, 1931.

ISAAC A. ISAACS,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 103.

A Proposed Law intituled "*Financial Emergency 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.

Governor-General's Office,  
Melbourne, 4th November, 1931.

ISAAC A. ISAACS,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 104.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

"*Wheat Bounty Act 1931*,"

"*Appropriation (Unemployment Relief Works) 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.

Governor-General's Office,  
Victoria Barracks,  
Melbourne, 4th November, 1931.

ISAAC A. ISAACS,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 105.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

"*Supplementary Appropriation Act 1927-30*,"

"*Supplementary Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Act 1927-30*,"

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.

Governor-General's Office,  
Victoria Barracks,  
Melbourne, 6th November, 1931.

ISAAC A. ISAACS,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 106.

A Proposed Law intituled "*Debt Conversion Agreement 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,  
Sydney, 12th November, 1931.

4. THE LATE HONORABLE PATRICK McMAHON GLYNN.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received from Miss D. Glynn, daughter of the late Honorable P. McM. Glynn, a letter thanking the House for its Resolution of sympathy.
5. THE LATE SIR JOHN MONASH.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received from Mrs. Gershon Bennett, daughter of the late Sir John Monash, a communication thanking the House for its Resolution of sympathy.
6. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
  - Tariff Board—Reports and Recommendations—
    - Abrasive Papers and Cloths.
    - Beeswax.
    - Bookbinders' Cloth.
    - Braids, Fringes or Edgings of Textile materials not being for attire.
    - Gas Meters.
    - Gasaliers, Electroliers, Chandeliers, Pendants and Brackets.
    - Sulphate of Magnesia.
    - Tools of Trade.
    - Wrought Slate, Slate Slabs and Roofing Slates.
 Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.  
 The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—  
 National Debt Sinking Fund Act—National Debt Commission—Eighth Annual Report, for year ended 30th June, 1931.

25th November, 1931.

7. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Beasley 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 methods adopted by the Government in the selection of men to be employed in connexion with the recent Federal Grant for the relief of unemployed".

Mr. 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. Beasley moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Latham addressing the House—

*Closure.*—Mr. Eldridge 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, 37.

Mr. Beasley	Mr. Lyons
Mr. Bell	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marks
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Marr
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Eldridge	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Price
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Guy	Mr. Ward
Mr. Hawker	Mr. White
Mr. Hill	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers:</i>
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Mr. Latham	Mr. Bayley
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Hunter

Noes, 32.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Lacey
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Lewis
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Long
Mr. Chifley	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Martens
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Culley	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Rowe
Mr. Cusack	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Forde	Mr. Theodore
Mr. Frost	Mr. Tully
Mr. Gibbons	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Jones	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Keane	Mr. Yates

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—being accordingly put—

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

Ayes, 37.

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The House, accordingly, at twenty-four minutes past five 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. Killen, Mr. Mathews, Mr. McNeill, and Mr. Parkhill.

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