

1932.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 2.

THURSDAY, 18TH FEBRUARY, 1932.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. H. Mackay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. DAYS AND HOURS OF MEETING.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for the dispatch of business at three o'clock on each Wednesday afternoon, at half-past two o'clock on each Thursday afternoon, and at half-past ten o'clock on each Friday morning.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—HOSTILITIES BETWEEN CHINA AND JAPAN.—Mr. Latham (Minister for External Affairs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement regarding hostilities between China and Japan, and informed the House of the steps being taken to settle the dispute between the two nations by peaceful means.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance of 1932—No. 1—Motor Traffic.
Wheat Bounty Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1931, No. 149.
Wine Grapes Charges Acts—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1932, No. 5.
Wine Overseas Marketing Act—Regulations Amended—
Statutory Rules 1931, No. 148.
Statutory Rules 1932, No. 4.
5. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—Mr. John Lawson brought up the Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech, prepared by the Committee appointed yesterday, and the same was read by the Clerk, as follows :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, beg to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament.

Mr. John Lawson moved, That the Address be agreed to.

Mr. Hutchinson seconded the motion.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Nairn 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.

Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 60.		Noes, 6.
Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Jennings	Mr. Beasley
Mr. Baker	Mr. Lane	Mr. Gander
Mr. Bell	Mr. Latham	Mr. Holloway
Mr. Blacklow	Mr. George Lawson	Mr. James
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Lyons	
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Makin	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Marr	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Casey	Mr. Martens	Mr. Ward
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Maxwell	
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. McBride	
Mr. Dein	Mr. McClelland	
Mr. Dennis	Mr. McNicoll	
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Nairn	
Mr. Forde	Mr. Nock	
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Earle Page	
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Parkhill	
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Thomas Paterson	
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Perkins	
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Price	
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Prowse	
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. E. C. Riley	
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Scullin	
Mr. Guy	Mr. Stacey	
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Frederick Stewart	
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Thompson	
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Thorby	
Mr. Hill	Mr. William Watson	
Mr. Holman		
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers:</i>	
Mr. Hutchin	Mr. Gardner	
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Hunter	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

6. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—FINANCIAL AGREEMENT ENFORCEMENT BILL.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the Financial Agreement Enforcement Bill being passed through all its stages before the Address in Reply is agreed to, and the second reading being moved at this sitting.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the Members of the House.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 2 be postponed until after Notice of Motion No. 1.

8. FINANCIAL AGREEMENT ENFORCEMENT BILL.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the carrying out of the Financial Agreements between the Commonwealth and the States by the parties thereto, and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Lyons then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Lyons moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Scullin 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.

9. COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER OATH TO MEMBERS.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received from His Excellency the Governor-General the following Commission:—

His Excellency the Right Honourable SIR ISAAC ALFRED ISAACS, a Member of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Commonwealth of Australia:

To the Honourable George Hugh Mackay, Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia.

GREETING :

WHEREAS by the forty-second Section of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia it is enacted that every Member of the House of Representatives shall, before taking his seat, make and subscribe before the Governor-General, or some person authorized by him, an Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance in the form set forth in the Schedule to the aforesaid Constitution :

NOW THEREFORE I, the Governor-General aforesaid, do by these Presents command and authorize you from time to time in the Parliament House of the Commonwealth, at Canberra, to

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administer the said Oath or Affirmation to such Members of the House of Representatives as have not already taken and subscribed the same since their election to the said House of Representatives.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Commonwealth of Australia, at Canberra, this eighteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and thirty-two, and in the twenty-second year of His Majesty's reign.

(L.S.) ISAAC A. ISAACS,
Governor-General.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. A. LYONS,
Prime Minister.

10. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to :—

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Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) informed the House that he would ascertain when it would be convenient for His Excellency the Governor-General to receive the Address in Reply, and honorable Members would be notified accordingly.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Anstey.

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