

1932.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 12.

THURSDAY, 10TH MARCH, 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. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Nelson 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 land administration of the Northern Territory".  
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. Nelson moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Mr. Nelson not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257B—  
Ordered—That the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech.  
Debate continued.  
Mr. Parkhill (Minister for Home Affairs) not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257B—  
Ordered—That the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech.  
Debate continued.  
Question—put and negatived.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That Notices of Motion, General Business, be postponed until after Government Business.
4. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice—
  - (1) That a Joint Select Committee be appointed for the purpose of completing and presenting to Parliament a report of the inquiry previously conducted by the Joint Committee of Public Accounts into—
    - (a) Parliamentary control and procedure in relation to the public finances of the Commonwealth;
    - (b) The form in which the Estimates, Budget Papers and other financial statements are presented to and dealt with by Parliament; and
    - (c) The desirability of uniform methods of accounts for the Commonwealth and the States.
  - (2) That three Members of the House of Representatives be appointed to serve on such Committee.
  - (3) That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit during any adjournment of the Parliament.
  - (4) That a Message be sent to the Senate requesting its concurrence, and asking that three Members of the Senate be appointed to serve on such Committee.
 Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.

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5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—INSURANCE BILL (1932).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 3.

The Senate has agreed to the Amendments made by the House of Representatives in the Bill for "An Act relating to Insurance."

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WALTER KINGSMILL,  
President.

6. SUPPLY ["GRIEVANCE DAY"].—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—  
Question proposed—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the debate be now adjourned.  
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.  
Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, resolve itself into the said Committee.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 2 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 3, Government Business.
8. FINANCIAL AGREEMENTS (COMMONWEALTH LIABILITY) BILL.—SENATE'S AMENDMENT.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendment made by the Senate in this Bill—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 Amendment made by the Senate, which is as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE.

Page 3, clause 4, line 5, before "The" insert "In addition to and without prejudice to any other remedy or relief,".

Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the Amendment be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Bell, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 55.

Noes, 4.

Mr. Baker	Mr. George Lawson	Mr. Beasley
Mr. Blacklow	Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Lyons	
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Makin	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Gander
Mr. Casey	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Ward
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. McBride	
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. McClelland	
Mr. Dein	Mr. McNicoll	
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Nairn	
Mr. Forde	Mr. Nock	
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson	
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Perkins	
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Price	
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Prowse	
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. E. C. Riley	
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Scholfield	
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Scullin	
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Stacey	
Mr. Guy	Mr. Frederick Stewart	
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Thorby	
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Watkins	
Mr. Hawker	Mr. William Watson	
Mr. Hill	Mr. White	
Mr. Holloway		
Mr. Hutchin		
Mr. Hutchinson	<i>Tellers:</i>	
Mr. Jennings	Mr. Gardner	
Mr. Lane	Mr. Hunter	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.  
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Bell reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Mr. Lyons, the House adopted the Report.

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9. WAR SERVICE HOMES BILL (1932).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—  
Mr. Josiah Francis (Minister administering War Service Homes) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Mr. E. C. Riley 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.
10. AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING COMMISSION BILL.—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. Makin 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. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.

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

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Aubrey Abbott, Mr. Anstey, Mr. Dennis, Mr. Latham, and Mr. McGrath.

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