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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 33.

WEDNESDAY, 31ST AUGUST, 1932.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., according to the terms of the Resolution of the 24th May last.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. H. Mackay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. DEATH OF SIR JOHN QUICK.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That this House expresses its regret at the death of the Honorable Sir John Quick, LL.D., a former Member for Bendigo in the House of Representatives and Minister of the Crown, places on record its appreciation of his notable public service, and tenders its deep sympathy to his widow in her bereavement. And Mr. Scullin (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr. Earle Page and Sir Littleton Groom having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
Question—passed.
Resolved—That Mr. Speaker be requested to transmit to Lady Quick the foregoing Resolution, together with a copy of the speeches delivered thereon.
3. DEATH OF THE HON. WILLIAM HARTNOLL AND OF MR. GEORGE BURNS.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) referred with deep regret to the deaths of the Honorable William Hartnoll and Mr. George Burns, former Members of the House.
Mr. Scullin (Leader of the Opposition) and Mr. Beasley also made similar references.
4. 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. 22.

Proposed Laws intituled:—

- " Cotton Industries Bounty Act 1932 ",
- " Supply Act (No. 1) 1932-33 ",
- " War Pensions Appropriation Act 1932 ",
- " Invalid and Old-age Pensions Appropriation Act 1932 ",
- " Supplementary Appropriation Act 1930-31 ",
- " Supplementary Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Act 1930-31 ",
- " Loan (Unemployment Relief Works) Act (No. 2) 1932 ",

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, 28th May, 1932.

ISAAC A. ISAACS,
Governor-General.

Message No. 23.

Proposed Laws intituled:—

- " Acts Interpretation Act 1932 ",
- " Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Act 1932 ",
- " Forestry Bureau Act 1932 ",
- " Immigration Act 1932 ",
- " Insurance Act (No. 2) 1932 ",
- " Solar Observatory Fund Act 1932 ",
- " Crimes Act 1932 ",

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, 30th May, 1932.

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ISAAC A. ISAACS,
Governor-General.

Message No. 24.

A Proposed Law intituled " *Bankruptcy Act 1932* ", 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.

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Canberra, 31st May, 1932.

5. THE LATE MR. J. J. CLASBY.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received from Mrs. Clasby, mother of the late Mr. J. J. Clasby, a letter thanking the House for its Resolution of sympathy.
6. THE LATE SENATOR SIR JOHN NEWLANDS.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received from Mr. D. J. Newlands, on behalf of his mother, Lady Newlands, a letter thanking the House for its Resolution of sympathy.
7. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—IMPERIAL ECONOMIC CONFERENCE AT OTTAWA.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement regarding the decisions made by the recent Imperial Economic Conference at Ottawa.
Mr. Scullin (Leader of the Opposition), Mr. Earle Page and Mr. Beasley, by leave, also made Statements with reference to the matter.
8. REPARATIONS—LAUSANNE CONFERENCE—REPORT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Latham (Minister for External Affairs) laid upon the Table, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, the following Paper :—
Reparations—Lausanne Conference, June–July, 1932—Report, with copies of the final Act and other documents relating to the settlement, and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Mr. Latham not having concluded his speech—
Suspension of Standing Orders.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the honorable Member to continue his speech after the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257A, and to enable the debate to be continued after the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 119.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Latham continued and concluded his speech.
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. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PERFORMING RIGHTS.—Mr. Latham (Attorney-General), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement announcing the intentions of the Government with regard to Performing Rights, including the appointment of a Royal Commission to inquire into and report upon the subject.
10. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Commonwealth and State Ministers—Conferences—
Melbourne, April, 1932—Record of Proceedings.
Canberra, June–July, 1932, and Sydney, July, 1932—Proceedings and Decisions.
International Labour Organization of the League of Nations—
Fifteenth Session—Statement by the International Labour Office in reply to criticisms contained in reports of the Australian Employers' Delegate and the Workers' Delegate.
Sixteenth Session, held at Geneva, April, 1932—Draft Conventions and Recommendations.
New Guard—Report, dated 7th June, 1932, by the Chief of the General Staff in regard to alleged relations between the Defence Department and the " *New Guard*."
War Service Homes—Report by Committee appointed to inquire into the effect of industrial depression upon purchasers and borrowers under the *War Service Homes Act*, and to submit recommendations as to the steps necessary to enable them to remain in occupation of their homes.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Air Force Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1932, No. 63.
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—
No. 6 of 1932—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia and the Federated Public Service Assistants' Association of Australia.
No. 7 of 1932—Australian Workers' Union and Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.
No. 8 of 1932—Fourth Division Officers' Association of the Trade and Customs Department and the Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.
No. 13 of 1932—Fourth Division Officers' Association of the Trade and Customs Department.
No. 15 of 1932—Common Rule *re* Sick Leave.
Audit Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1932, No. 45.
Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1932, Nos. 55, 68.
Canned Fruits Export Control Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1932, Nos. 57, 66.
Commonwealth Bank Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1932, No. 50.
Cotton Industries Bounty Act—
Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1932, No. 58.
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- Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1932, Nos. 48, 67, 77.
- Dairy Produce Export Charges Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1932, No. 84.
- Dairy Produce Export Control Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1932, No. 82.
- Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1932, Nos. 46, 47, 59, 80, 87.
- Excise Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1932, No. 51.
- Export Guarantee Act—Return showing assistance granted to 30th June, 1932.
- Flax and Linseed Bounties Act—
Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1932, No. 61.
Return for 1931–32.
- Inscribed Stock Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1932, No. 71.
- Insurance Acts—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1932, No. 73.
- Judiciary Act—Rule of Court—Dated 17th August, 1932.
- Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.
- Naval Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1932, Nos. 54, 62, 65, 74, 78.
- Navigation Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1932, No. 70.
- New Guinea Act—Ordinances of 1932—
No. 7—Immigration.
No. 8—Laws Repeal and Adopting.
No. 9—Public Health (No. 2).
No. 10—Mining (No. 2).
No. 11—Supply (No. 1) 1932–33.
No. 12—Superannuation (No. 2).
- Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—
Ordinances of 1932—
No. 11—Real Property.
No. 12—Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement).
No. 13—Encouragement of Mining.
No. 14—Mining.
No. 15—Matrimonial Causes.
- Stock Diseases Ordinance—Regulations Amended.
- Papua and New Guinea Bounties Act—Return for 1931–32.
- Patents Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1932, No. 69.
- Public Service Act—
Appointments—Department of—
Interior—Bruce, A. D. E.
Treasury—Collins, H. G.
Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1932, Nos. 53, 64, 72.
- Quarantine Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1932, Nos. 52, 75, 85.
- Sales Tax Assessment Acts (Nos. 1 to 9)—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1932, No. 79.
- Science and Industry Endowment Act—Report by the Auditor-General on the Science and Industry Endowment Fund as at 30th June, 1932.
- Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—
Ordinances of 1932—
No. 15—Liquor (No. 2).
No. 16—Deserted Wives and Children.
No. 17—Dentists Registration (No. 2).
No. 18—Police.
- Companies Ordinance—Regulations Amended.
- Court of Petty Sessions Ordinance (No. 2)—Rules.
- Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Federal Capital Territory for the year 1931–32.
- Spirits Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1932, No. 60.
- Sulphur Bounty Act—Return for 1931–32.
- War Service Homes Act—
Amendment of an arrangement between the War Service Homes Commissioner and the Government of the State of Tasmania.
Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1932, Nos. 56, 76.
- Wine Export Bounty Act—Return for 1931–32.

11. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—BANKRUPTCY LEGISLATION COMMITTEE.—Mr. Latham (Attorney-General), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement announcing the personnel of the Committee of Members of the House appointed to review Bankruptcy Legislation.
12. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—REPRESENTATION AT THIRTEENTH ASSEMBLY OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement announcing that the Australian Delegation to the forthcoming Thirteenth Assembly of the League of Nations would consist of the Right Honorable S. M. Bruce, P.C., C.H., M.C., M.P., Assistant Treasurer, the Right Honorable W. M. Hughes, P.C., K.C., M.P., and Sir Donald Cameron, K.C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D., and that the Substitute Representatives would be James R. Collins, Esq., C.M.G., C.B.E., Frederick Alexander, Esq., M.A., and Mrs. Ethel Osborne, M.Sc., M.B., B.S., D.P.H.
13. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 1 and 2 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 3.

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14. DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The following Order of the Day, Government Business, was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Parkhill (Minister for the Interior), discharged, after debate :—
Public Service Bill (1932)—Second reading.
15. WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 3)].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

[See proposed Resolution for Customs Tariff Amendment of the 3rd May, 1932 (pages 145–152.)]
Item numbered 106 debated—
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bell reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

16. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eight minutes past ten 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. Bruce, Mr. Thomas Collins, Mr. Gullett, Mr. Holman and Mr. Hughes.

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