

1932.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 53.

THURSDAY, 20TH OCTOBER, 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. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—OTTAWA TRADE AGREEMENT AND IMPORTATION OF BANANAS FROM FIJI.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the provision for importation of bananas from Fiji into Australia in the Trade Agreement signed at Ottawa between the Government of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth Government.
3. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act—War Pensions Entitlement Appeal Tribunal—Report for year 1931–32.
4. 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 necessity for the Government to take immediate action to provide a substantial amount of money for the relief of the unemployed throughout the Commonwealth prior to Christmas".

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.

Several Members rising to address the House—

Closure moved.—Mr. Gander moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Anstey
Mr. Baker
Mr. Beasley
Mr. Blakeley
Mr. Forde
Mr. Albert Green
Mr. Holloway
Mr. James
Mr. George Lawson
Mr. Makin
Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Martens
Mr. Riordan
Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Scullin
Mr. Ward
Mr. Watkins

Tellers:

Mr. Gander
Mr. E. C. Riley

Noes, 45.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Lyons
Mr. Bell	Mr. Marr
Mr. Blacklow	Mr. McBride
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Casey	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. McNicoll
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Dein	Mr. Nock
Mr. Dennis	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Price
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Stacey
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Frederick Stewart
Mr. Guy	Mr. Thompson
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Thorby
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Hawker	
Mr. Hill	
Mr. Hutchinson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Jennings	Mr. Gardner
Mr. Lane	Mr. White

And so it was negatived.

The debate having been continued for two hours, it was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 257B.

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5. SUPPLY [BUDGET DEBATE].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

General debate resumed on the question (see page 279), That the first item in the Estimates under Division I.—The Parliament—namely—

The President £1,300

be agreed to.

Mr. E. C. Riley moved, as an amendment, That the first item be reduced by 10s.

Debate continued.

Several Members rising to address the Committee—

Closure.—Mr. Parkhill (Postmaster-General) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

Ayes, 35.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. McBride
Mr. Blacklow	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Casey	Mr. Nock
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Dein	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Guy	Mr. Stacey
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Frederick Stewart
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Hawker	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Hill	Mr. White
Mr. Hutchinson	
Mr. Jennings	
Mr. Lane	
Mr. Lyons	
Mr. Marr	

Tellers:

Mr. Gardner
Mr. McNicoll

Noes, 19.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Baker	Mr. Martens
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Forde	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Ward
Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. James	
Mr. George Lawson	
Mr. Makin	

Tellers:

Mr. Gander
Mr. Watkins

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the first item be reduced by 10s.—being accordingly put—

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

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Baker	Mr. Martens
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Forde	Mr. Ward
Mr. Gabb	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. James	
Mr. George Lawson	
Mr. Makin	

Tellers:

Mr. Gander
Mr. Watkins

Noes, 34.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Marr
Mr. Blacklow	Mr. McBride
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Casey	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Dein	Mr. Nock
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Guy	Mr. Prowse
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Frederick Stewart
Mr. Hill	Mr. White
Mr. Hutchinson	
Mr. Jennings	
Mr. Lane	
Mr. Lyons	

Tellers:

Mr. Gardner
Mr. McNicoll

And so it was negatived.

Debate on first item continued.

The Committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Mr. Gander moved, as an amendment, That the first item be reduced by 5s.

Debate continued.

Closure.—Mr. Parkhill moved, That the question be now put.

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Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Blacklow	Mr. McBride
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Casey	Mr. Nock
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Dein	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Scholfield
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Guy	Mr. Frederick Stewart
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Thorby
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. White
Mr. Hawker	
Mr. Hutchinson	
Mr. Jennings	
Mr. Lane	Mr. Gardner
Mr. Marr	Mr. McNicoll

Tellers:

Noes, 17.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Martens
Mr. Baker	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Forde	Mr. Ward
Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. James	
Mr. George Lawson	Mr. Gander
Mr. Makin	Mr. E. C. Riley

Tellers:

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the first item be reduced by 5s.—being accordingly put—

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

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Martens
Mr. Baker	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Forde	Mr. Ward
Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. James	
Mr. George Lawson	Mr. Gander
Mr. Makin	Mr. E. C. Riley

Tellers:

Noes, 31.

Mr. Blacklow	Mr. McBride
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Casey	Mr. Nock
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Dein	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Scholfield
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Guy	Mr. Frederick Stewart
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Thorby
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. White
Mr. Hawker	
Mr. Hutchinson	
Mr. Jennings	
Mr. Lane	Mr. Gardner
Mr. Marr	Mr. McNicoll

Tellers:

And so it was negatived.

Debate on first item continued.

First item agreed to.

Remainder of Vote—"The Parliament, £59,200"—postponed until after the Vote—"The Prime Minister's Department, £260,000".

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bell reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That the remaining Orders of the Day be postponed until a later hour and that Notices of Motion Nos. 1 and 2, Government Business, be considered.

Question—put and passed.

7. COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS BILL (1932).—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to suspend the operation of the *Committee of Public Accounts Act 1913–1920*.

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.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

8. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE BILL (1932).—Mr. Perkins (Minister for the Interior) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to suspend the operation of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913–1921*.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Perkins 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.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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9. SUPPLY [ESTIMATES, 1932-33].—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Vote—"The Prime Minister's Department, £260,000"—debated and agreed to.

Ordered—That all intervening Votes be postponed until after the Vote—"Miscellaneous Services, £1,172,200".

Vote—"Miscellaneous Services, £1,172,200"—debated and agreed to.

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.

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

Question—put and passed.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at five minutes past seven o'clock in the morning, adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bruce*, Mr. Gullett, Mr. Holman, Mr. Hughes*, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Hutchin, Mr. John Lawson, Mr. Maxwell, and Mr. Nelson.

* On leave.

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