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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 2.

WEDNESDAY, 31ST OCTOBER, 1934.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MEMBER SWORN.—Thomas Joseph Collins, Esquire, made and subscribed the Oath required by law.
3. VISIT OF HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF GLOUCESTER.—PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS.—REPLY THERETO.—Mr. Speaker reported that, accompanied by honorable Members, he attended in the Senate Chamber on Wednesday, the 24th October, and participated in the presentation to His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester of the Joint Address, which was agreed to by the House on the 23rd instant. Mr. Speaker also informed the House of the proceedings at the presentation, as follows:—

Before presenting the Joint Address, the President of the Senate addressed His Royal Highness in the following terms:—

“YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS:

Before the Honorable the Speaker of the House of Representatives addresses you, and I read to you the Address of both Houses of Parliament, may I, as the appointed mouthpiece of the Senate, express to you our profound pleasure at meeting you here this morning.

We hope, Sir, that your journeyings amongst us will yield unmeasured satisfaction and enjoyment to yourself; and we are confident that they are bound to stimulate the devotion and loyalty to your Royal Father, His Most Gracious Majesty, Our King, which dwell deep in the hearts of our people.

Your Royal Highness, I bid you a hearty welcome.”

The President of the Senate then, on behalf of the Parliament, read the Joint Address which had been agreed to by both Houses, and presented to His Royal Highness an illuminated bound copy of the Address.

On behalf of the Members of the House of Representatives, Mr. Speaker then addressed His Royal Highness as follows:—

“YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS:

On behalf of the Members of the House of Representatives, I assure you of the deep sense of pleasure with which we join in welcoming you to Parliament House, Canberra.

We recall the happy occasion when Their Majesties the King and Queen opened the first meeting of the Commonwealth Parliament in 1901, the visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales in 1920, and that of His Royal Highness the Duke of York and the Duchess of York in 1927 on the occasion of the inauguration of the meetings of the Parliament at Canberra.

It is now our privilege to extend to Your Royal Highness our most sincere greetings on your arrival amongst us.

We earnestly hope that you will enjoy your tour throughout the Commonwealth, and that, on your departure, you will take away abiding memories of the loyalty and affection of the Australian people.”

His Royal Highness, in accepting the Joint Address, was graciously pleased to make the following reply:—

“MR. PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND MR. SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

I gratefully acknowledge your message of loyalty to the King, my father, which I shall have much pleasure in conveying to him. I am equally appreciative of the sentiments which you express in referring to the satisfaction which my visit gives you.

In carrying out this mission, at the bidding of His Majesty, I have set forth, like those of my family who have preceded me, in the hope that my visit will help to strengthen the bonds existing between the Peoples of the Empire and to increase our perception of the advantages which we enjoy under a free system of Government.

The welcome which I have received ever since I landed in Australia encourages me to think that my object is being achieved: and I need hardly say that I particularly value greetings from Australia's representatives in the Heart of the Commonwealth.

I ask you to express to the people my gratitude for the wonderful reception which they have everywhere accorded me, and my sincere regrets that I am unable to see more of their country and of the conditions in which they live.

Finally, Gentlemen, in all that you undertake I wish you success and prosperity.

HENRY.”

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4. **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY.**—Mr. Speaker informed the House that letters thanking the House for the Resolutions of Sympathy passed during the last Parliament had been received from Lady Novar, Mrs. Thomas Brown, Mrs. Richardson (daughter of the late Hon. Agar Wynne), Mrs. D. C. McGrath, and Mr. W. Thomson (brother of the late Mr. John Thomson).
5. **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ESTIMATES 1934-35.**—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

ISAAC A. ISAACS,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 1.

In accordance with the requirements of Section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-five, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Canberra, 23rd October, 1934.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, to be printed and referred to the Committee of Supply, when appointed.

6. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
War Service Homes Act—Report of the War Service Homes Commission for year 1933-34, together with Statements and Balance-sheet.

Ordered to be printed.

Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act—War Pensions Entitlement Appeal Tribunal—Report for year 1933-34.

Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act—Statement for 1933-34.

Naval Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1934, No. 129.

Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1934, Nos. 111, 113, 114.

Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance of 1934—No. 22—Police Superannuation (No. 2).

Shipping Act—Commonwealth Shipping Board—Cockatoo Island Dockyard—Balance-sheet and Liquidation Account as at 28th February, 1934, with the Auditor-General's Certificates.

Wireless Telegraphy Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1934, No. 99.

7. **TIME OF NEXT MEETING.**—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

Question—put and passed.

8. **ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.**—Mr. McCall brought up the Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech, prepared by the Committee appointed at the previous sitting, 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. McCall moved, That the Address be agreed to.

Mr. Fiske seconded the motion.

Mr. Scullin (Leader of the Opposition) moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the Address :—

“ and this House is of the opinion that to provide for relief of unemployment immediate action should be taken—

- (1) to extend the functions and activities of the Commonwealth Bank, increasing its power to make bank credit available and utilizing such credit to finance public works ;
- (2) to amend the Arbitration Act to ensure that full and favourable consideration be given to progressive reductions in the working hours and increases in living standards commensurate with increased powers of production, due to mechanization and speeding up of industry ;
- (3) to restore in full pensions and social services and to repeal clauses imposing charges upon pensioners' property and relatives, thus increasing purchasing power and stimulating industry ; and
- (4) to establish a national scheme for organized marketing including the setting up of Australian-wide pools.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty minutes to 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. Barnard, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Marr, Mr. Martens, and Mr. McClelland.

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