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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 4.

FRIDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER, 1934.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH—NO-CONFIDENCE AMENDMENT.—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:—

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—and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Scullin (*Leader of the Opposition*), viz. :—That the following words be added to the proposed 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 favorable 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 ”—

Debate resumed.

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put.

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

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Baker	Mr. G. W. Mahoney
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Makin
Mr. Beasley	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Clark	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Forde	Mr. Ward
Mr. Frost	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Garden	
Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. James	
Mr. Lazzarini	
	<i>Tellers:</i>
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	Mr. George Lawson

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Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. McCall
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McEwen
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Fiske	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Price
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Prowse
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Frederick Stewart
Mr. Hughes	Mr. White
Mr. Hutchinson	
Mr. Jennings	
Mr. Lane	
Mr. Lyons	
Mr. Maxwell	
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	Mr. Gardner
	Mr. Hunter

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the proposed Address in Reply be agreed to—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.

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3. **SUPPLY.**—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister), in accordance with Standing Order No. 240, moved, That the House will, at the next sitting, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.
Question—put and passed.
4. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister), in accordance with Standing Order No. 240, moved, That the House will, at the next sitting, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.
Question—put and passed.
5. **ORDER OF BUSINESS.**—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That, unless otherwise ordered, Government Business shall, on each day of sitting, have precedence of all other Business, except on that Thursday on which, under the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the question is put "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair". On such Thursday General Business shall have precedence of Government Business until nine o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.
6. **TIME OF NEXT MEETING.**—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday, the fourteenth day of November, at three o'clock p.m.
Debate ensued.
Question—put.
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Bell, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. McEwen
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. Menzies
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Fiskén	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Price
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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

7. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Norfolk Island Act—Ordinances of 1934—

No. 11—Standard Time.

No. 12—Pounds.

No. 13—Timber Licences.

Railways Act—Report on Commonwealth Railways Operations for year 1933–34.

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

And then the House, at fifteen minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, the 14th November, at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Casey, Mr. Thomas Collins, Mr. Drakeford, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. John Lawson, Mr. Marr, Mr. Martens, Mr. McBride, Mr. McClelland, Mr. Nock, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Thorby.

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