THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA, CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 11.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER, 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. DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Right Honorable J. G. Coates, M.P., Minister of Finance and Customs, New Zealand, the Honorable R. Masters, M.L.C., Minister of Industries and Commerce, New Zealand, and Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, M.P., Parliamentary Under-Secretary for the Dominions, United Kingdom, were within the precincts. The distinguished visitors thereupon, with the concurrence of honorable Members, were provided with seats on the floor of the House.
- 3. Presentation of Address-in-Reply.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) informed the House that the Address-in-Reply would be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General at Government House, at eleven o'clock a.m. to-morrow.
 - Mr. Speaker said he would be glad if the mover and seconder, together with other honorable Members, would accompany him to present the Address.
- 4. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister, the Chairman of Committees, the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Beasley, Sir Littleton Groom and Mr. Makin be Members of the Standing Orders Committee; three to form a quorum.
 Question—put and passed.
- 5. LIBRARY COMMITTEE.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That Mr. Speaker, Mr. Aubrey Abbott, Mr. Brennan, Sir Donald Cameron, Mr. Josiah Francis, Mr. W. Maloney and Mr. Rosevear be Members of the Library Committee; three to form a quorum. Question—put and passed.
- 6. House Committee.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That Mr. Speaker, Mr. Drakeford, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. James, Mr. Martens and Mr. Price be Members of the House Committee; three to form a quorum.

 Question—put and passed.
- 7. Printing Committee.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That Mr. Frost, Mr. Gander, Mr. Albert Green, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Jennings, Mr. McBride and Mr. McEwen be Members of the Printing Committee; three to form a quorum, with power to confer with a similar Committee of the Senate.
 - Question—put and passed.
- 8. Papers.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Taxation—Second, Third, and Fourth (Final) Reports of the Royal Commission.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute-

Dried Fruits Export Control Act—Tenth Annual Report of the Dried Fruits Control Board, for year 1933-34, together with a statement by the Minister regarding the operation of the Act.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at Tamworth, New South Wales—For Defence

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Federal Capital Territory for year 1933-34.

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9. Temporary Chairman of Committees.—The following Warrant, nominating a Temporary Chairman of Committees, pursuant to Standing Order No. 25, was laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:—

The Parliament of the Commonwealth.

House of Representatives.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order numbered 25, I do hereby nominate—

John Solomon Rosevear, Esquire,

to act as Temporary Chairman of Committees when requested so to do by the Chairman of Committees.

Given under my hand this twenty-eighth day of November, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-four.

GEORGE BELL,

Speaker.

- 10. Return to Copy Writ (Northern Territory).—The Clerk announced that he had received from the Military and Official Secretary to His Excellency the Governor-General a copy of the original Writ for the Northern Territory, the election for which was held on 22nd September, 1934, in connexion with the General Election of the House of Representatives, and, by the certificate of indorsement notifying the telegraphed result of the election on such Copy Writ, it appeared that Adair Macalister Blain had been elected in pursuance of the Original Writ issued on 16th August, 1934.
- 11. Supply [Budget Debate].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

General debate resumed on the question, That the first item in the Estimates, under Division I.—
The Senate—namely—

Salaries and allowances £7,182

be agreed to, and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Beasley, That the first item be reduced by 10s.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Thomas Collins reported accordingly.

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

- 12. STATEMENT BY MR. SPEAKER—Notice of Motion of Privilege.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that, in regard to a Notice of Motion of Privilege given earlier in the day by the honorable Member for Barker (Mr. A. G. Cameron), he could not allow it, in its present form, to be placed upon the Notice Paper.
- 13. Paper.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Wheat, Flour, and Bread Industries—Supplement to the First Report of the Royal Commission. Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
- 14. Precedence to Government Business.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That Government Business shall take precedence over General Business to-morrow.

 Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 15. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 - Mr. Forde addressing the House and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 2578—

Ordered—That the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech.

Debate continued.

Mr. Garden addressing the House and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 2578—

Ordered—That the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech.

Debate continued.

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Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) addressing the House and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 2578—

Ordered-That the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech.

Debate continued.

Sir Henry Gullett (Minister directing negotiations for Trade Treaties) addressing the House and 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.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight-

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Debate continued.

Mr. Ward addressing the House and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257B—

Mr. Curtin moved, That the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech.

Question-put.

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

Ayes, 23.	Noes,	Noes, 35.	
Mr. Blackburn Mr. Brennan Mr. R. Mr. Curtin Mr. Drakeford Mr. Forde Mr. Frost Mr. Garden Mr. Albert Green Mr. Holloway Mr. G.	In artens In artens In Ewen In Ewen In Casey Itiordan It Cosevear It Cosevear It Could In	Mr. Menzies Mr. Nock Mr. Earle Page Mr. Parkhill Mr. Thomas Paterson Mr. Perkins Mr. Price	

And so it was negatived.

Closure.-Mr. Earle Page (Minister for Commerce) moved, That the question be now put.

Question-That the question be now put-put.

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

Ayes, 35.	Noes, 22.		
Sir Donald Cameron Mr. Casey Mr. J. V. Fairbairn Mr. Fisken Mr. Josiah Francis Sir Henry Gullett Mr. E. F. Harrison Mr. Scholfield Mr. E. J. Harrison Mr. Stacey Mr. Hawker Mr. Nock Mr. Parkinl Mr. Parkhill Mr. Perkins Mr. Perkins Mr. Price Mr. Scholfield Mr. Stacey Mr. Frederick Stewart	Mr. Baker Mr. Barnard Mr. Beasley Mr. Blackburn Mr. Brennan Mr. Curtin Mr. Drakeford Mr. Forde Mr. Frost Mr. Garden Mr. Albert Green Mr. Holloway	Mr. Lazzarini Mr. Makin Mr. Martens Mr. Mulcahy Mr. Riordan Mr. Rosevear Mr. Scullin Mr. Ward Tellers: Mr. Gander Mr. George Lawson	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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And the question—That the House do now adjourn—being accordingly put—The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Bell, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 35.		Noes, 23.		
Sir Henry Gullett Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Menzies Mr. Nock Mr. Earle Pago Mr. Parkhill Mr. Thomas Paterson Mr. Perkins Mr. Price	Mr. Baker Mr. Barnard Mr. Beasley Mr. Blackburn Mr. Brennan Mr. Curtin Mr. Drakeford Mr. Forde Mr. Frost Mr. Garden Mr. Albert Green Mr. Holloway Mr. James	Mr. Lazzarini Mr. Makin Mr. Martens Mr. Mulcahy Mr. Riordan Mr. Rosevear Mr. Scuilin Mr. Ward Tellers: Mr. Gander Mr. George Lawson	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-one minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Clark, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Marr, Mr. McBride, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Watkins.

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