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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 42.

THURSDAY, 22ND MAY, 1930.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Norman J. O. Makin) took the Chair, and offered Prayers.
2. DEATH OF MR. ROBERT COOK.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) having announced, with regret, the death, on the 21st instant, of Mr. Robert Cook, moved, by leave, That this House expresses its deep regret at the death of Mr. Robert Cook, a former Member of the House of Representatives, and places on record its appreciation of his meritorious public service, and extends its sympathy to the members of his family in their bereavement.
And Mr. Latham (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr. Earle Page and Mr. Jones 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 the members of the family of the late Mr. Robert Cook the foregoing Resolution, and a copy of the speeches delivered thereon.
3. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
J. Holley, Senior Lineman, Postmaster-General's Department—Papers relating to action of Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union in fining him for failing to supply official information to the Union.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Public Service Act—Appointments—Department of Health—L. G. Armstrong; K. Brushfield; R. Christie.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—BANKRUPTCY BILL (1930).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—
STONEHAVEN,
Governor-General. *Message No. 21.*
In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Bankruptcy Act 1924-1929*.
Canberra, 21st May, 1930.
Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Brennan (Attorney-General) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Bankruptcy Act 1924-1929*.
Question—put and passed.
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Brennan, by leave, was adopted by the House.

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5. **BANKRUPTCY BILL (1930).**—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Brennan (Attorney-General) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Latham 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.
6. **WHEAT MARKETING BILL.**—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Latham, viz. :—*That all words after “That” be omitted, and that the following words be substituted in lieu thereof :—“this House is of opinion that, while present circumstances justify a guarantee by the Governments of the Commonwealth and the States of a minimum price of 4s. per bushel for f.a.q. wheat, season 1930–1931, delivered at railway sidings, legislation providing for such a guarantee should be introduced separately from any legislation providing for the establishment of a monopoly in the marketing of Australian wheat by means of a compulsory pool”—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Gullett 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.
7. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at five minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bayley, Mr. Bell, Mr. Coleman*, Mr. Fenton, Mr. Josiah Francis, Mr. Guy, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Mathews*, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Thomas Paterson, Mr. Edward Riley, and Mr. Riordan.

* On leave.

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