

1929-30-31.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 115.

FRIDAY, 6TH MARCH, 1931.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Norman J. O. Makin) took the Chair, and offered Prayers.
2. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—PRECEDENCE TO WANT OF CONFIDENCE MOTION.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended as would prevent the Notice of Motion No. 1 (Want of Confidence in the Government) taking precedence of all other Business until disposed of.  
Question—put and passed.
3. WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT.—Mr. Latham (Leader of the Opposition) moved, pursuant to notice—
  - (1) That the Government no longer possesses the confidence of this House.
  - (2) That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to His Excellency the Governor-General.
 Debate ensued.  
Mr. Crouch addressing the House and not having concluded his speech—the House ordered that the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.  
Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
4. EARTHQUAKE IN NEW ZEALAND.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received the following cablegram from the Prime Minister of New Zealand:—"Speaker, House of Representatives, Canberra. Government and people of New Zealand deeply appreciate kind message of sympathy conveyed in Resolution adopted by Australian House of Representatives in connexion with earthquake catastrophe in Hawkes Bay District. Message is being conveyed to relatives of victims of disaster. Forbes."
5. THE LATE SIR JAMES McCAY.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received from Mrs. G. O. Reid, daughter of the late Sir James McCay, a letter thanking the House for its resolution of sympathy.
6. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
  - Air Force Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1931, No. 3.
  - Air Navigation Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1931, Nos. 8, 9.
  - Audit Act—Transfers of amounts approved by the Governor-General in Council—Financial Year 1929-30—Dated 23rd February, 1931.
  - Control of Naval Waters Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1931, No. 7.
  - Customs Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1931, No. 16.
  - Dairy Produce Export Control Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1930, No. 143.
  - Statutory Rules 1931, No. 12.
  - Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1931, Nos. 1, 13, 14, 15.
  - Designs Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1930, No. 150.
  - Dried Fruits Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1930, No. 151.
  - Dried Fruits Export Charges Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1931, No. 18.
  - Export Guarantee Act—Return showing assistance granted to 31st December, 1930.
  - Flax and Linseed Bounties Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1930, No. 154.
  - Gold Bounty Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1931, No. 21.
  - Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at—
    - Corowa, New South Wales—For Postal (Broadcasting) purposes.
    - Mackay, Queensland—For Defence purposes.
    - Rawlinna, Western Australia—For Defence purposes.

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- Lighthouses Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1930, No. 128.  
 Nationality Act—Return for 1930.  
 Naval Defence Act—Regulations Amended—  
 Statutory Rules 1930, Nos. 152, 153.  
 Statutory Rules 1931, No. 2.  
 Navigation Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1930, Nos. 126, 127.  
 New Guinea Act—  
 Ordinance of 1930—No. 23—Customs.  
 Ordinance of 1931—No. 1—Stamp Duties.  
 Norfolk Island Act—Ordinance of 1930—No. 3—Health.  
 Northern Australia Act—  
 Central Australia—  
 Ordinance of 1931—No. 2—Justices.  
 Public Service Ordinance—Regulations Amended.  
 North Australia—  
 Ordinance of 1930—No. 20—Pearling (No. 2).  
 Ordinances of 1931—  
 No. 1—Deputy Government Resident.  
 No. 2—Justices.  
 Education Ordinance—Regulations.  
 Pearling Ordinances—Regulations.  
 Public Service Ordinance—Regulations Amended.  
 Papua Act—Ordinances of 1930—  
 No. 10—Native Regulation.  
 No. 11—Post and Telegraph.  
 Passports Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1930, No. 155.  
 Patents Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1930, No. 148.  
 Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1931, Nos. 4, 5.  
 Public Service Act,—  
 Appointment of H. W. Quiney, Department of the Treasury.  
 Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1930, Nos. 141, 146.  
 Sales Tax Assessment Acts (Nos. 1 to 9)—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1930, No. 156.  
 Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—  
 Ordinance of 1930—No. 22—Housing (No. 2).  
 Administration and Probate Ordinance—Rules of Court, dated 17th December, 1930.  
 Court of Petty Sessions Ordinance (No. 2)—Rules (Solicitors' Costs).  
 Land Advisory Board Ordinance—Regulations (Fees).  
 Public Health Ordinance—Regulations—  
 General Sanitation.  
 Infectious Diseases.  
 Piggeries.  
 Superannuation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1930, No. 145.  
 Trade Marks Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1930, No. 149.  
 Treaty of Peace (Germany) Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1930, No. 144.  
 Wine Grapes Charges Acts—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1931, No. 11.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at four minutes to four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Beasley, Mr. Eldridge, Mr. Guy, Mr. Hawker, Mr. James, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Mathews, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Thompson.

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