

1929-30-31.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 125.

TUESDAY, 14TH APRIL, 1931

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Norman J. O. Makin) took the Chair, and offered Prayers.
2. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—SUGAR INQUIRY.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the Sugar Inquiry Committee Reports, and announced the action thereon proposed by the Government.
3. THE LATE HONORABLE ERIC KENDALL BOWDEN.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received from Mrs. Bowden a letter thanking the House for its Resolution of sympathy.
4. THE LATE HONORABLE JOHN MOORE CHANTER.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received from the family of the late Mr. Chanter a letter thanking the House for its expression of sympathy.
5. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Latham (Leader of the Opposition) rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The deficit of £19,953,000 in the current accounts of the Commonwealth for the first nine months of the financial year". Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—Mr. Latham moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Closure.—Mr. Gullett moved, That the question be now put.
Question—That the question be now put—put.
The House proceeded to divide, but there being no Member voting on the side of the Noes, Mr. Speaker declared the question to be resolved in the affirmative.
And the question—That the House do now adjourn—being accordingly put—
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Makin, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Bell	Mr. Marr
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Price
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Guy	Mr. White
Mr. Hawker	
Mr. Hill	
Mr. Latham	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lyons	
Mr. Mackay	Mr. Bayley
Mr. Marks	Mr. Hunter

Noes, 34.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Lacey
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lewis
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Long
Mr. Coleman	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Martens
Mr. Culley	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Cusack	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Eldridge	Mr. Rowe
Mr. Forde	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Frost	Mr. Theodore
Mr. Gibbons	Mr. Tully
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Ward
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. James	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Jones	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Keane	Mr. Yates

And so it was negatived.

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6. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Commonwealth Bank Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1931, Nos. 32, 33.
 Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1931, Nos. 30, 36.
 Dried Fruits Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1931, No. 28.
 High Court Procedure Act and Judiciary Act—Rule of Court—Dated 24th March, 1931.
 Northern Australia Act—North Australia—
 Ordinance of 1931—No. 3—Pearling.
 Health Ordinance—Regulations Amended—
 Garbage.
 Infectious Diseases.
 Mosquito Prevention.
 Night-soil.
 Nuisance Prevention.
 Railway and Mining Camps' Sanitary.
 Rat Exclusion and Reduction.
 Wells and Water.
 Public Service Ordinance—Regulations Amended.
 Slaughtering Ordinance—Regulations Amended.
 Papua Act—Ordinances of 1930—
 No. 8—Appropriation 1930–31 ; together with Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for year ending 30th June, 1931.
 No. 12—Prisons.
 Quarantine Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1931, No. 31.
 Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance of 1931—No. 4—Liquor.
7. WHEAT 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—
 Debate resumed.
 Mr. Cunningham 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.
8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.
- And then the House, at half-past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Beasley, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Mathews*, Mr. Prowse, Mr. Edward Riley, and Mr. E. C. Riley.

* On leave.

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