

1929-30-31.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 136.

FRIDAY, 1ST MAY, 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. OBJECTION TO SPEAKER'S RULING.—Mr. Latham moved, pursuant to notice, That the Ruling of the honorable the Speaker—that the amendment to the motion, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, is out of order:—That all the words after "That" be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof:—"this House is of opinion that, as a general rule, a journalist should not be excluded from the press galleries except in cases of proved misconduct affecting his relation to Parliament"—be disagreed with.

Debate ensued.

Closure.—Mr. Beasley moved, That the question be now put.

Question.—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Eldridge	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Killen	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Latham	Mr. Bayley
Mr. Mackay	Mr. Hill
Mr. Marr	

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Mr. Beasley	Mr. Long
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Martens
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Rowe
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Cusack	Mr. Tully
Mr. Forde	Mr. Ward
Mr. Gibbons	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Yates
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. Jones	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Keane	Mr. Lacey
Mr. Lewis	Mr. E. C. Riley

And so it was negatived.

3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Northern Australia Act—Ordinances of 1931—
 - Central Australia—
 - No. 3—Testator's Family Maintenance.
 - No. 4—Supreme Court.
 - North Australia—
 - No. 4—Testator's Family Maintenance.
 - No. 5—Supreme Court.
 - Transport Workers Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1931, No. 34.

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4. PRINTING COMMITTEE—SEVENTH REPORT.—Mr. Tully, for the Chairman, brought up the Seventh Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate).

The Report was read by the Clerk, as follows :—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have met in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the Papers presented to Parliament since the Fifth Report from the Committee, recommend that the following be printed :—

Bankruptcy Act—Second Annual Report, for period, 1st August, 1929, to 31st July, 1930.

Commonwealth and State Ministers—Conference held at Canberra and Melbourne, February, 1931—Report of Proceedings and Decisions.

Electoral Act—Reports by Commissioners appointed for the purpose of redistributing into Divisions the States of—

New South Wales.

Queensland.

Victoria.

Western Australia.

Finance 1929–30—Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year ended 30th June, 1930, accompanied by the Report of the Auditor-General.

Public Works Committee—Sixteenth General Report.

Science and Industry Research Act—Fourth Annual Report of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, for year ended 30th June, 1930.

J. T. TULLY,
for Chairman.

Senate Committee Room,
30th April, 1931.

Mr. Tully moved, by leave, That the Report be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

5. WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 9) AND EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 9)].—The House, according to order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

[See proposed Resolutions for Customs and Excise Tariff Amendment of the 26th March, 1931 (pages 508–569).]

General debate resumed on the first Item of the Customs Tariff.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Anstey, Mr. Bell, Mr. Bernard Corsier, Mr. Crouch, Mr. Culley, Mr. Fenton, Mr. Gabb, Mr. Guy, Mr. Hunter, Mr. James, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Mathews, Mr. Price, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Theodore, and Mr. Thompson.

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