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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 147.

THURSDAY, 21ST MAY, 1931.

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. STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—PROPOSED CONFERENCE OF MEMBERS OF COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENT.—Mr. Lyons (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, made a Statement with reference to the proposal of the Government for a Conference of Members of the Commonwealth Parliament to consider the economic and financial problems of the Commonwealth. Mr. Earle Page and Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister), by leave, also made Statements with reference to the matter.
3. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Wheat—International Conference, held at Rome, March—April, 1931—Report by F. L. McDougall, Australian Representative. Ordered to lie on the Table.
- The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1931—
 - No. 3—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia; Australian Postal Electricians' Union; Australian Workers' Union; Australian Third Division Telegraphists and Postal Clerks' Union; Commonwealth Legal Professional Officers' Association; Commonwealth Medical Officers' Association; Commonwealth Postmasters' Association; Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association; Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association; Commonwealth Telegraph Traffic and Supervisory Officers' Association; Commonwealth Telephone Officers' Association; Commonwealth Temporary Clerks' Association; Federated Public Service Assistants' Association of Australia; Fourth Division Officers' Association of the Trade and Customs Department; Fourth Division Postmasters, Postal Clerks and Telegraphists' Union; Line Inspectors' Association, Commonwealth of Australia; Meat Inspectors' Association, Commonwealth Public Service; Postal Overseers' Union of Australia; Postmaster-General's Department State Heads of Branches Association; and Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
 - No. 4—Arms, Explosives and Munition Workers' Federation of Australia.
 - No. 5—Commonwealth Storemen and Packers' Union and Commonwealth Naval Storehousemen's Association.
 - No. 6—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.
4. SUPPLY [“GRIEVANCE DAY”].—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—
 - Question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and negatived.
 - Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, resolve itself into the said Committee.
5. SUGAR INQUIRY COMMITTEE—REPORTS AND STATEMENTS—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPERS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister), That the Papers [presented on the 26th March last], viz. :—
 - Sugar Inquiry Committee—
 - Majority Report, signed by Messrs. A. R. Townsend, W. J. Short, F. C. Curlewis, W. Young and C. G. Fallon.
 - Minority Report, signed by Mr. J. Gunn, Mrs. E. E. Morgan and Mr. F. A. L. Dutton.
 - Statements in respect of subjects on which the Committee has reached unanimous conclusions—
 - be printed—
 - Debate resumed.

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Mr. Latham 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.

Mr. Latham continued and concluded his speech.

Debate continued.

Mr. Forde (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. 257B—

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

Mr. Forde continued and concluded his speech.

Debate continued.

Mr. Gregory moved, as an amendment, That after the word "printed" the following words be added:—
"and this House desires to affirm the principle that there should be no taxation of the people without the approval of the Parliament, and that no embargo on the importation of sugar nor any agreement entered into between the Government of the Commonwealth and the Government of Queensland and any other party shall, after the thirty-first day of August, 1931, have any force or effect until first approved by the Parliament of the Commonwealth".

Debate continued.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Anstey, Mr. Beasley, Mr. Blakeley, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Gibbons, Mr. Hawker, Mr. Hunter, Mr. James, Mr. Lacey, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Mathews, and Mr. Morgan.

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