

1929-30-31.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 162.

THURSDAY, 25TH JUNE, 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. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—REPARATIONS AND INTER-GOVERNMENTAL DEBTS—PROPOSAL BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the text of a Statement made yesterday by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in the House of Commons, concerning the proposal of the President of the United States of America in regard to inter-governmental debts, reparations and relief debts, and announced that the Commonwealth Government assented to the proposal to forego reparations. Mr. Lyons (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, made a Statement with reference to the matter.
  3. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—DEBT CONVERSION AGREEMENT BILL.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the Standing Orders be suspended in order that the time for speeches on the second and third readings of the Debt Conversion Agreement Bill be limited to thirty minutes with no extensions of time.
- Mr. Beasley addressing the House—  
*Closure*.—Mr. Scullin moved, That the question be now put.  
Question—That the question be now put—put.  
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Makin, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 54.

Mr. Bell	Mr. Lacey
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Lewis
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Long
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Lyons
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Marks
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Marr
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Martens
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Culley	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Cusack	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Forde	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Frost	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Gibbons	Mr. Rowe
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Theodore
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Tully
Mr. Guy	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Hawker	Mr. White
Mr. Hunter	
Mr. Jones	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Keane	Mr. Bayley
Mr. Killen	Mr. E. C. Riley

Noes, 12.

Mr. Anstey  
Mr. Beasley  
Mr. Curtin  
Mr. Gabb  
Mr. Holloway  
Mr. Hughes  
Mr. James  
Mr. W. Maloney  
Mr. Edward Riley  
Mr. Stewart

*Tellers:*

Mr. Lazzarini  
Mr. Yates

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—  
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Makin, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 56.

Mr. Bell	Mr. Lewis
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Long
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lyons
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Marks
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Marr
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Martens
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Crouch	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Culley	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Cusack	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Forde	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Price
Mr. Frost	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Gibbons	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Rowe
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Theodore
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Guy	Mr. Tully
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Hunter	Mr. White
Mr. Jones	
Mr. Keane	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Killen	Mr. Bayley
Mr. Lacey	Mr. E. C. Riley

Noes, 10.

Mr. Anstey  
Mr. Beasley  
Mr. Gabb  
Mr. Holloway  
Mr. Hughes  
Mr. James  
Mr. W. Maloney  
Mr. Stewart

*Tellers:*

Mr. Lazzarini  
Mr. Yates

And so it was resolved in the affirmative by an absolute majority of the Members of the House.

4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Navigation Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1931, No. 69.  
Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance of 1931—No. 11—Liquor (No. 2).
5. DEBT CONVERSION AGREEMENT 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.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

FRIDAY, 26TH JUNE, 1931.

Debate continued.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 41.

Mr. Bell	Mr. Lewis
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lyons
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Marks
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Coleman	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Cusack	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Forde	Mr. Price
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Frost	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Gibbons	Mr. Tully
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. White
Mr. Roland Green	
Mr. Gullett	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Guy	Mr. Bayley
Mr. Jones	Mr. Hunter
Mr. Killen	

Noes, 15.

Mr. Anstey  
Mr. Beasley  
Mr. Culley  
Mr. Curtin  
Mr. Holloway  
Mr. Keane  
Mr. Lazzarini  
Mr. Long  
Mr. W. Maloney  
Mr. Martens  
Mr. Edward Riley  
Mr. Riordan  
Mr. Rowe

*Tellers:*

Mr. E. C. Riley  
Mr. Yates

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

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Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Clause 1—

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. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until fifteen minutes past two o'clock p.m. this day.

Question—put and passed.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fifteen minutes past two o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at fifteen minutes past two o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Eldridge, Mr. Hill, Mr. Latham, Mr. Mathews\*, Mr. McNeill, Mr. Earle Page\*, and Mr. Ward.

\* On leave.

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