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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 176.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND JULY, 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. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ESTIMATES, 1931-32.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

ISAAC A. ISAACS,
Governor-General.

Message No. 82.

In accordance with the requirements of Section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-two, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

20th July, 1931.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, to be printed and referred to the Committee of Supply.

3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—REQUEST BY STATE OF NEW SOUTH WALES FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to an application by the Premier of New South Wales for financial assistance, and the attitude thereto of the Loan Council.
4. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Health Ordinance (Nuisance Prevention)—Regulations Amended.
5. PUBLIC SERVICE BILL (1931).—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend section fifty-five of the *Commonwealth Public Service Act 1922-1930*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Scullin then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.
6. SALES TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 1) (1931).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Lyons 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 a later hour this day.
7. SALES TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 5) (1931).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Lyons 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 a later hour this day.
8. INCOME TAX BILL (1931).—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.
Question—put.

22nd July, 1931.

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

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| Ayes, 53. | | Noes, 5. |
| Mr. Bell | Mr. Lacey | Mr. Beasley |
| Mr. Blakeley | Mr. Latham | Mr. Eldridge |
| Mr. Brennan | Mr. Long | Mr. James |
| Mr. Malcolm Cameron | Mr. Lyons | |
| Mr. Chifley | Mr. Mackay | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Coleman | Mr. Marks | Mr. Lazzarini |
| Mr. Bernard Corser | Mr. Marr | Mr. Ward |
| Mr. Crouch | Mr. Martens | |
| Mr. Culley | Mr. McGrath | |
| Mr. Cunningham | Mr. McNeill | |
| Mr. Curtin | Mr. Parker Moloney | |
| Mr. Cusack | Mr. Morgan | |
| Mr. Fenton | Mr. Nairn | |
| Mr. Forde | Mr. Thomas Paterson | |
| Mr. Frost | Mr. Price | |
| Mr. Gabb | Mr. Prowse | |
| Mr. Gardner | Mr. Edward Riley | |
| Mr. Gibbons | Mr. Riordan | |
| Mr. Albert Green | Mr. Rowe | |
| Mr. Gregory | Mr. Scullin | |
| Mr. Guy | Mr. Thompson | |
| Mr. Hawker | Mr. Tully | |
| Mr. Hill | Mr. White | |
| Mr. Holloway | | |
| Mr. Hunter | <i>Tellers:</i> | |
| Mr. Jones | Mr. Bayley | |
| Mr. Keane | Mr. E. C. Riley | |
| Mr. Killen | | |

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 6 agreed to.

The Schedules agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Crouch reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister), the House adopted the Report.

The Standing Orders having been previously suspended (*see* page 752), Mr. Scullin moved, That the

Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put.

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

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| Ayes, 58. | | Noes, 5. |
| Mr. Bell | Mr. Lacey | Mr. Beasley |
| Mr. Blakeley | Mr. Latham | Mr. Eldridge |
| Mr. Brennan | Mr. Long | Mr. James |
| Mr. Donald Cameron | Mr. Lyons | |
| Mr. Malcolm Cameron | Mr. Mackay | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Chifley | Mr. Marks | Mr. Lazzarini |
| Mr. Coleman | Mr. Marr | Mr. Ward |
| Mr. Bernard Corser | Mr. Martens | |
| Mr. Crouch | Mr. McGrath | |
| Mr. Culley | Mr. McNeill | |
| Mr. Cunningham | Mr. Parker Moloney | |
| Mr. Curtin | Mr. Morgan | |
| Mr. Cusack | Mr. Nairn | |
| Mr. Fenton | Mr. Parkhill | |
| Mr. Forde | Mr. Thomas Paterson | |
| Mr. Frost | Mr. Price | |
| Mr. Gabb | Mr. Prowse | |
| Mr. Gardner | Mr. Edward Riley | |
| Mr. Gibbons | Mr. Riordan | |
| Mr. Albert Green | Mr. Rowe | |
| Mr. Gregory | Mr. Scullin | |
| Mr. Guy | Mr. Stewart | |
| Mr. Hawker | Mr. Thompson | |
| Mr. Hill | Mr. Tully | |
| Mr. Holloway | Mr. White | |
| Mr. Hughes | Mr. Yates | |
| Mr. Hunter | | |
| Mr. Jones | <i>Tellers:</i> | |
| Mr. Keane | Mr. Bayley | |
| Mr. Killen | Mr. E. C. Riley | |

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

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9. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

[*Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) Bill*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 128.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to Preferential Duties of Customs on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of the Dominion of Canada, and for other purposes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill as amended by the House at the request of the Senate.

WALTER KINGSMILL,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 22nd July, 1931.

[*Debt Conversion Agreement Bill*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 129.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to approve an Agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia of the First Part and the States of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania, of the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Parts respectively, relating to the Conversion of the Internal Public Debts of the Commonwealth and the States*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

WALTER KINGSMILL,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 22nd July, 1931.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 4 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 5, Government Business.

11. WHEAT MARKETING BILL (1931).—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. Lazzarini moved, as an amendment, That all words after "be" be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof:—"withdrawn and immediately re-introduced containing provisions for the stabilizing of the wheat industry over a period of three years by fixing the price for wheat at a sum based on the average cost of production plus 30 per cent."

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.

12. SALES TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 2) (1931).—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister), pursuant to leave given on the 21st instant, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 2) 1930', as amended by the 'Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 2A) 1930,'*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Scullin moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Latham 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.

13. SALES TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 3) (1931).—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister), pursuant to leave given on the 21st instant, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 3) 1930', as amended by the 'Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 3A) 1930,'*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Scullin moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Latham 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.

14. SALES TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 4) (1931).—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister), pursuant to leave given on the 21st instant, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 4) 1930', as amended by the 'Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 4A) 1930,'*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Scullin moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Latham 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.

15. SALES TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 6) (1931).—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister), pursuant to leave given on the 21st instant, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 6) 1930', as amended by the 'Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 6A) 1930,'*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

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- Mr. Scullin moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Mr. Latham 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.
16. SALES TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 7) (1931).—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister), pursuant to leave given on the 21st instant, brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 7) 1930’, as amended by the ‘Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 7A) 1930,’*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
 Mr. Scullin moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Mr. Latham 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.
17. SALES TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 8) (1931).—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister), pursuant to leave given on the 21st instant, brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 8) 1930’, as amended by the ‘Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 8A) 1930,’*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
 Mr. Scullin moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Mr. Latham 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.
18. SALES TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 9) (1931).—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister), pursuant to leave given on the 21st instant, brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 9) 1930’, as amended by the ‘Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 9A) 1930,’*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
 Mr. Scullin moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Mr. Latham 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.
19. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.
- And then the House, at twenty-seven minutes past eleven o’clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o’clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Josiah Francis, Mr. Gullett, Mr. Lewis, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Mathews, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Earle Page*, and Mr. Theodore.

* On leave.

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