

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA, CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 204.

FRIDAY, 30TH OCTOBER, 1931.

1. The House met, at two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Norman J. O. Makin) took the Chair, and offered Prayers.
2. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate:—

[*Supplementary Appropriation Bill 1927-30*].—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 167.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to appropriate further sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of each of the following years, namely, the year ended the Thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight, the year ended the Thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine, the year ended the Thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and thirty,*" and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,
Canberra, 30th October, 1931.

WALTER KINGSMILL,
President.

[*Supplementary Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Bill 1927-30*].—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 168.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to appropriate further sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of each of the following years, namely, the year ended the Thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight, the year ended the Thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine, the year ended the Thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and thirty, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 30th October, 1931.

WALTER KINGSMILL,
President.

3. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION PROPOSED—DISCUSSION NOT APPROVED.—Mr. Ward 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 desirability of immediate action by the Commonwealth Government to assist the depositors of the Savings Bank of New South Wales". Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and less than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—Moving of motion not approved.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Dairy Produce Export Control Act—Sixth Annual Report of the Dairy Produce Control Board, for year ended 30th June, 1931, together with statement by the Minister regarding the operation of the Act.
Quarantine Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1931, No. 130.
5. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—FISH MEAL PLANT.—Mr. Forde (Minister for Trade and Customs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to certain allegations made by the honorable Member for Gippsland concerning the importation of a Plant for the Manufacture of Fish Meal.

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6. COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS BILL (1931).—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendments made by the Senate in this Bill—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendments made by the Senate, which are as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

No. 1.—Page 1, clause 3, line 16, leave out "seven", insert "five".

No. 2.—Page 2, clause 3, line 7, leave out "five", insert "three".

No. 3.—Page 2, clause 3, line 9, leave out "four", insert "three".

No. 4.—Page 2, after clause 4 insert the following new clause :—

4A. Section ten of the Principal Act is amended by omitting the word "Two" (wherever occurring) and inserting in its stead the word "One". Limitation of annual expenditure.

Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the Amendments be disagreed to.

Debate ensued.

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.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—WHEAT BOUNTY BILL [No. 2] (1931).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 169.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the payment of a Bounty on the Production of Wheat, and for other purposes*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendment indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

WALTER KINGSMILL,
President.

The Senate,

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Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

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

(In the Committee.)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendment made by the Senate, which is as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE.

Page 2, clause 4, line 3, after "merchant" insert "Government instrumentality".

On the motion of Mr. Parker Moloney (Minister for Markets), the Amendment was agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Parker Moloney, the House adopted the Report.

8. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, which time of meeting shall be notified by Mr. Speaker to each Member by telegram or letter.
Question—put and passed.
9. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That leave of absence be given to every Member of the House of Representatives from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next sitting.
Question—put and passed.
10. ADJOURNMENT—COUNT-OUT.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Gibbons called the attention of Mr. Speaker to the fact that a quorum of Members was not present. The Bells having been rung, and a quorum not having been obtained within the prescribed time, Mr. Speaker thereupon, at twenty-eight minutes past three o'clock p.m., adjourned the House until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, and to be notified by him to each Member by telegram or letter as determined by resolution of the House at this sitting.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Beasley, Mr. Bell, Mr. Blakeley, Mr. Malcolm Cameron, Mr. Bernard Corser, Mr. Culley, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Josiah Francis, Mr. Frost, Mr. Gabb, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Gullett, Mr. Guy, Mr. Hawker, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hunter, Mr. James, Mr. Jones, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Mackay, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Marks, Mr. Marr, Mr. Martens, Mr. Mathews*, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Nairn, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Thomas Paterson, Mr. Price, Mr. Prowse, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Rowe, Mr. Theodore, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. White.

* On leave.

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