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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 4.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH FEBRUARY, 1932.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. H. Mackay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE.—Mr. Latham (Attorney-General), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement concerning the forthcoming Disarmament Conference at Geneva. Mr. Scullin (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a Statement with reference to the matter.
3. RETURN TO COPY WRIT (NORTHERN TERRITORY).—The Clerk announced that he had received from the Military Secretary to His Excellency the Governor-General a copy of the original Writ for the Northern Territory, issued in connexion with the General Election of the House of Representatives held on 19th December, 1931, and that, by the certificate of indorsement notifying the telegraphed result of the election on such Copy Writ, it appeared that Harold George Nelson had been elected in pursuance of the original Writ issued on 28th November, 1931.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—International Labour Organization of the League of Nations—Fifteenth Conference, held at Geneva, May–June, 1931—
Reports of the Australian Delegates.
Draft Convention concerning the Hours of Work in Coal-mines.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—
No. 31 of 1931—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.
No. 32 of 1931—Common Rule *re* Accidents.
No. 33 of 1931—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.
No. 34 of 1931—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.
Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1932, No. 12.
Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1932, Nos. 11, 15, 19.
Export Guarantee Act—Return showing assistance granted to 31st December, 1931.
Land Tax Assessment Act—Applications for Relief from Taxation during the year 1931.
Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinances of 1932—
No. 3—City of Canberra Arms.
No. 4—Canberra University College.
Transport Workers Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1932, Nos. 1, 2.
5. ORDER OF BUSINESS.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, Government Business shall, on each day of sitting, have precedence of all other Business, except on that Thursday on which, under the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the question is put "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair". On such Thursday General Business shall have precedence of Government Business until nine o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.
6. FINANCIAL AGREEMENT ENFORCEMENT 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.
Mr. Scullin (Leader of the Opposition) not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257B—
Ordered—That the Right Honorable Member have leave to continue his speech.
Debate continued.

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Mr. Beasley 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.

Debate continued.

Mr. Bruce (Assistant Treasurer) not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257B—

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

Mr. Forde 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.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seventeen minutes past ten 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. Aubrey Abbott, Mr. Anstey, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Nelson, and Mr. Watkins.

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