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# THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA, CANBERRA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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**No. 48.**


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WEDNESDAY, 12TH OCTOBER, 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—POSTPONEMENT OF PAYMENT OF INTEREST ON WAR DEBT.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement announcing that the British Government had arranged for the postponement of the payment of the first instalment of interest due this financial year on the Commonwealth War indebtedness.
3. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were received, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :—

ISAAC A. ISAACS,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 33.

A Proposed Law intituled "*Financial Emergency Act 1932*", as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Law.

Government House,  
Canberra, 3rd October, 1932.

ISAAC A. ISAACS,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 34.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

"*South Australia Grant Act 1932*",  
 "*Western Australia Grant Act 1932*",  
 "*Tasmania Grant Act 1932*",  
 "*Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 1) 1932*",  
 "*Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 2) 1932*",  
 "*Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 3) 1932*",  
 "*Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 4) 1932*",  
 "*Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 5) 1932*",  
 "*Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 6) 1932*",  
 "*Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 7) 1932*",  
 "*Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 8) 1932*",  
 "*Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 9) 1932*",  
 "*Sales Tax Act (No. 6) 1932*",

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Laws.

Government House,  
Canberra, 5th October, 1932.

4. THE LATE SIR JOHN QUICK.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received from Lady Quick a letter thanking the House for its Resolution of sympathy.

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5. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—NORFOLK ISLAND.—Mr. Mair (Minister for Health), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement in regard to the Shipping Service with, and the disposal of Exports from, Norfolk Island.
- 6 PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
 Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1932, Nos. 107, 108.  
 Excise Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1932, No. 105.  
 Immigration Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1932, No. 103.  
 Insurance Acts—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1932, No. 100.  
 Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act—Statement for 1931–32.  
 Nationality Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1932, No. 102.  
 New Guinea Act—Ordinance of 1932—No. 18—Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement).  
 Passports Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1932, No. 101.  
 War Service Homes Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1932, No. 104.
7. SUPPLY [BUDGET DEBATE].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

*(In the Committee.)*

General debate resumed on the question (*see* page 279), That the first item in the Estimates under Division I.—The Parliament—namely—

The President                      ..                      ..                      £1,300

be agreed to.

Mr. Scullin 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. Scullin continued his speech, and moved, as an amendment, That the first item be reduced by £1.

Debate continued.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bell reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Latham (Attorney-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at nine 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. Anstey, Mr. Bruce\*, Sir Littleton Groom, Mr. Hawker, Mr. Holman, Mr. Hughes\*, and Mr. Nelson.

\* On leave.

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