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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 13.

FRIDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER, 1934.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.
3. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. W. Maloney 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, "That the position of an Attorney-General, whether of State or Commonwealth, being a sacred one, no Attorney-General, whether of State or Commonwealth, should, under any circumstances, accept any money or reward, by way of fees or other inducement, to represent individuals, combines or corporations, against his country or the interests of its people."
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—
Mr. W. Maloney moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Point of Order.—Mr. Menzies (Attorney-General) raised a Point of Order that it was not competent for this House to give a direction to Ministers of the Crown in a State.
Speaker's Ruling.—Mr. Speaker upheld the Point of Order raised, and suggested that the subject for discussion be amended.
Mr. W. Maloney accordingly amended, by leave, the matter for discussion, to read as follows:—That the position of an Attorney-General, being a sacred one, no Attorney-General should, under any circumstances, accept any money or reward, by way of fees or other inducement, to represent individuals, combines or corporations, against his country or the interests of its people.
Mr. W. Maloney 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 ensued.
Question—That the House do now adjourn—put and negatived.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Bankruptcy Act—Sixth Annual Report, for period 1st August, 1933, to 31st July, 1934.
Ordered to be printed.
Papua Act—Ordinances of 1934—
No. 12—Pearl, Pearl-Shell and Bêche-de-mer.
No. 13—Native Plantations.
No. 14—Public Service (Lieutenant-Governor's Travelling Allowance).
No. 15—Mining.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the Orders of the Day be postponed until after the consideration of Notice of Motion No. 1, Government Business.
6. SALES TAX PROCEDURE BILL.—Mr. Casey (Assistant Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide Procedure in relation to the Collection and Recovery of Sales Tax and for other purposes.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Casey 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 the next sitting.
7. ESTIMATES, 1934-35—ALTERATION TO ALLOTMENT OF TIME.—Mr. Menzies (Attorney-General) moved, That the consideration of the Vote "The Department of Defence" be postponed until Tuesday next.
Question—put and passed.

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8. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES, 1934-35.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

Vote—"The Attorney-General's Department, £168,850"—debated—

Limitation of Debate.—At thirteen minutes to three o'clock p.m., the Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the Vote had expired—

Question—That the Vote be agreed to—put and passed.

Vote—"The Department of the Interior, £352,000"—debated—

Limitation of Debate.—At thirteen minutes to four o'clock p.m., the Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the Vote had expired—

Question—That the Vote be agreed to—put and passed.

Vote—"The Department of Trade and Customs, £538,140"—debated and agreed to.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-eight minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Sir Donald Cameron, Mr. Clark, Mr. Josiah Francis, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Roland Green, Sir Littleton Groom, Mr. Hunter, Mr. G. W. Mahoney, Mr. Marr, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. McBride, Mr. Mulcahy, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Price, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Watkins.

E. W. PARKES,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.