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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 148.

FRIDAY, 22ND MAY, 1931.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Norman J. O. Makin) took the Chair, and offered Prayers.
2. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.  
Question—put and passed.
3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM IN AUSTRALIA. Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House that advice had been received that His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom had decided to appoint a High Commissioner in Australia.  
Mr. Latham, by leave, also made a Statement with reference to the matter.

4. SUGAR INQUIRY COMMITTEE—REPORTS AND STATEMENTS—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPERS. The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister), That the Papers [*presented on the 26th March last*], viz. :—

Sugar Inquiry Committee—

Majority Report, signed by Messrs. A. R. Townsend, W. J. Short, F. C. Curlewis, W. Young and C. G. Fallon;

Minority Report, signed by Mr. J. Gunn, Mrs. E. E. Morgan and Mr. F. A. L. Dutton;

Statements in respect of subjects on which the Committee has reached unanimous conclusions—

be printed—*And on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Gregory, viz. :—*That after the word "printed" the following words be added :—"and this House desires to affirm the principle that there should be no taxation of the people without the approval of the Parliament, and that no embargo on the importation of sugar nor any agreement entered into between the Government of the Commonwealth and the Government of Queensland and any other party shall, after the thirty-first day of August, 1931, have any force or effect until first approved by the Parliament of the Commonwealth"—

Debate resumed.

Mr. W. Maloney addressing the House and not having concluded his speech—

Mr. Forde (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the debate be now adjourned and that the honorable Member for Melbourne have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 39.

Mr. Brennan	Mr. Long
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Chifley	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Marr
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Culley	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Cusack	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Forde	Mr. Rowe
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Frost	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Tully
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Ward
Mr. Hill	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. Keane	
Mr. Killen	
Mr. Latham	
Mr. Lewis	

Tellers:

Mr. Bayley  
Mr. Edward Riley

Noes, 9.

Mr. Bell
Mr. Gregory
Mr. Gullett
Mr. Nairn
Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Prowse
Mr. White

Tellers:

Mr. Malcolm Cameron  
Mr. Gabb

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, after debate—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at four minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Anstey, Mr. Beasley, Mr. Blakeley, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Eldridge, Mr. Gibbons, Mr. Guy, Mr. Hawker, Mr. Hunter, Mr. James, Mr. Jones, Mr. Lacey, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Marks, Mr. Martens, Mr. Mathews, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Price, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Theodore, and Mr. Yates.

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