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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 128.

FRIDAY, 17TH APRIL, 1931.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Norman J. O. Makin) took the Chair, and offered Prayers.
2. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE COMMONWEALTH AND STATES—ATTITUDE OF COMMONWEALTH BANK BOARD.—Mr. Theodore (Treasurer), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the attitude of the Commonwealth Bank Board to the Financial Requirements of the Governments of the Commonwealth and the States.
Mr. Latham (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a Statement with reference to the matter.
3. FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE COMMONWEALTH AND STATES—CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN THE COMMONWEALTH BANK BOARD AND THE COMMONWEALTH TREASURER—PRINTING OF PAPER.—Mr. Theodore (Treasurer) laid upon the Table, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, the following Paper :—
Correspondence between the Commonwealth Bank Board and the Commonwealth Treasurer, as to the inability of the Bank to provide further financial assistance to the Commonwealth and State Governments—
and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Mr. Latham 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.
4. HIGH COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, LONDON—ORGANIZATION AND ACTIVITIES—REPORT BY MR. P. E. COLEMAN, M.P.—PRINTING OF PAPER.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) laid upon the Table, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, the following Paper :—
Organization of the High Commissioner's Office, London, and the Activities associated therewith—Report, with Appendices, by Mr. P. E. Coleman, M.P., Chairman, Commonwealth Parliamentary Joint Committee of Public Accounts—London, 14th August, 1930.
Mr. Coleman moved, That the Report be printed.
Mr. Coleman not having concluded his speech—
Suspension of Standing Orders.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the honorable Member to continue his speech after the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257A, and to enable the debate to be continued after the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 119.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Coleman continued and concluded his speech.
Debate continued.
Mr. Gullett 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.

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5. WHEAT BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 6—

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.

6. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Bank Act—Treasurer's Statement of combined accounts of the Commonwealth Bank and Commonwealth Savings Bank at 31st December, 1930; together with the certificate of the Auditor-General.

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

Member named.—Mr. Speaker named the honorable Member for Maribyrnong (Mr. Fenton), for disregarding the authority of the Chair.

Mr. Scullin having addressed the House, and Mr. Fenton having apologised to the Chair, the matter was not further proceeded with.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at thirteen minutes past five 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—Mr. Beasley, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Guy, Mr. James, Mr. Mathews*, Mr. McNeill, Mr. Price, Mr. Prowse, Mr. Edward Riley, and Mr. E. C. Riley.

* On leave.

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