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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 140.

FRIDAY, 8TH MAY, 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. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—PRECEDENCE TO WANT OF CONFIDENCE MOTION.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended as would prevent the Notice of Motion No. 1 (Want of Confidence in the Government) taking precedence of all other Business until disposed of.
Question—put and passed.
3. WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT.—Mr. Lyons (Leader of the Opposition) moved, pursuant to notice, That this House condemns the Government for its failure to take steps which are within its power to safeguard the Commonwealth against national default, with its inevitable consequences of extension of unemployment, distress and suffering; and that accordingly the Government no longer possesses the confidence of this House.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Earle Page addressing the House and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257B—

Extension of time.—Mr. Thomas Paterson moved, pursuant to Standing Order No. 257B, That the Right Honorable Member for Cowper have leave to continue his speech.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 62.		Noes, 4.
Mr. Anstey	Mr. Latham	Mr. Beasley
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Lewis	Mr. James
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Long	
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Lyons	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Eldridge
Mr. Chifley	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Ward
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Marks	
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Marr	
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Martens	
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Maxwell	
Mr. Curtin	Mr. McNeill	
Mr. Cusack	Mr. Parker Moloney	
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Morgan	
Mr. Forde	Mr. Nairn	
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Earle Page	
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Parkhill	
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Thomas Paterson	
Mr. Gibbons	Mr. Price	
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Prowse	
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Edward Riley	
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Riordan	
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Rowe	
Mr. Guy	Mr. Scullin	
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Stewart	
Mr. Hill	Mr. Tully	
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Watkins	
Mr. Hughes	Mr. White	
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Yates	
Mr. Jones		
Mr. Keane	<i>Tellers:</i>	
Mr. Killen	Mr. Bayley	
Mr. Lacey	Mr. E. C. Riley	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Mr. Earle Page continued and concluded his speech.

Mr. Ward rising to address the House—

Closure.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Lacey
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Lewis
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Long
Mr. Brennan	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Martens
Mr. Coleman	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Parker Moloney
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Mr. Holloway	
Mr. James	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Jones	Mr. E. C. Riley
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Noes, 32.

Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marks
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Marr
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Thomas Paterson
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Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Killen	<i>Tellers:</i>
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Mr. Lyons	Mr. Bayley
Mr. Mackay	Mr. Hunter

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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

Ayes, 32.

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Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Marr
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Morgan
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And so it was negatived.

4. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable Questions upon Notice to be answered.
Question—put and passed.

5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Passports Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1931, No. 40.
Public Service Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1931, No. 46.
Service and Execution of Process Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1931, No. 44.

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

And then the House, at fourteen minutes to 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—Mr. Bell, Mr. Culley, Mr. Frost, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Mathews, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Theodore, and Mr. Thompson.

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