THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA, CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 41.

TUESDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER, 1935.

- 1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2. PAPER. -The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute-
 - Commonwealth Grants Commission Act—Report of the Commonwealth Grants Commission on the applications made by the States of South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania for Financial Assistance in 1935–36 from the Commonwealth under Section 96 of the Constitution.
- 3. Suspension of Standing Orders—Precedence to Want of Confidence Motion.—Mr. Lyons (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.
- 4. WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT. Mr. Forde (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) moved, pursuant to notice, That this House strongly condemns the Government for—
 - (1) Its flagrant neglect of its duty to the people by failing to call Parliament together for more than 39 days in twelve months.
 - (2) Not having met Parliament earlier, thereby prejudicing Parliamentary control over taxation and expenditure by necessitating the passage of a further Supply Bill before the Budget can be passed.
 - (3) Its failure to provide and put into effect a bold, progressive policy to deal with the unemployment problem on a national basis.
 - (4) Its irresponsible attitude to the drift that is taking place in the overseas trade balance.
 - (5) Its failure to formulate a permanent plan for the relief of the primary producers.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Beasley addressing the House and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 2578—

Ordered -That the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech.

Debate continued.

Mr. G. W. Mahoney addressing the House and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 2578—

Ordered-That the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech.

Debate continued.

Mr. Garden addressing the House and 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 continued.

Mr. J. V. Fairbairn 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. F.4800.

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

Question—put. The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Bell, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 29.	Noes	, 18.
Mr. A. G. Cameron Mr. McEwen Sir Donald Cameron Mr. Menzies Mr. Casey Mr. Nairn Mr. Thomas Collins Mr. Nock Mr. Fisken Mr. Parkhill Mr. Josiah Francis Mr. Thomas Paterson Mr. E. F. Harrison Mr. Prowse Mr. E. J. Harrison Mr. Scholfield Mr. Hawker Mr. Street Mr. Holt Mr. Thorby Mr. Hughes Mr. White Mr. Hunter Mr. Jennings Tellers: Mr. Lane Mr. McCall Mr. Gardner Mr. McClelland Mr. Thompson And so it was resolved in the affirmative.	Mr. Baker Mr. Barnard Mr. Beasley Mr. Brennan Mr. Clark Mr. Drakeford Mr. Forde Mr. Garden Mr. Albert Green Mr. Holloway	Mr. James Mr. Lazzarini Mr. Mulcahy Mr. Rosevear Mr. Ward Mr. D. O. Watkins Tellers: Mr. Gander Mr. George Lawson
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And then the House, at thirteen minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at three $o'clock\ p.m.$

Members Present.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Frost, Mr. Gregory, Sir Henry Gullett, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. John Lawson, Mr. Makin, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Scullin, and Sir Frederick Stewart.

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