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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 60.

TUESDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER, 1932.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. H. Mackay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MEAT MARKET IN GREAT BRITAIN.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement in regard to the present state of the Meat Market in Great Britain.
3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PERFORMING RIGHTS ROYAL COMMISSION.—Mr. Latham (Attorney-General), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement announcing that the terms of reference of the Performing Rights Royal Commission had been extended to enable the Commission to inquire into the matter of the manufacture and use of gramophone records.
4. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (MR. BRUCE).—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That leave of absence for two months be given to the Right Honorable Member for Flinders (Mr. Bruce), on the ground of urgent public business.
Question—put and passed.
5. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (MR. HUGHES).—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That leave of absence for two months be given to the Right Honorable Member for North Sydney (Mr. Hughes), on the ground of urgent private and public business.
Question—put and passed.
6. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (MR. GULLETT).—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Henty (Mr. Gullett), on the ground of ill-health.
Question—put and passed.
7. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Tariff Board—Reports and Recommendations—
Wrought Iron and Malleable Cast Iron Fittings for Pipes, and Cast Iron Fittings for Pipes of less than two inches internal diameter.
Yarns, woollen or containing wool.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1932, No. 120.
8. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Makin 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, "The desirability of imposing conditions on Commonwealth grants for unemployment relief, requiring that not less than the basic wage shall be paid, whether the works carried out are fully or partially paid for from Commonwealth moneys."
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. Makin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
9. COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS BILL (1932).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Guy (Assistant Minister) 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.
10. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE BILL (1932).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Perkins (Minister for the Interior) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Holloway 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.
11. DEFENCE BILL (1932).—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.

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Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2 debated—

Mr. Beasley moved, as an amendment, That the word "was" (page 1, line 16) be omitted with a view to the insertion of the word "is" in place thereof.

Debate continued.

Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Bell, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 47.

Mr. Baker	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. Blacklow	Mr. John Lawson
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Lyons
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Makin
Mr. Casey	Mr. Marr
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Dein	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Dennis	Mr. Nock
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Forde	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Scullin
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Guy	Mr. Frederick Stewart
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Thompson
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. White
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. Hunter	
Mr. Hutchin	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Gardner
Mr. Latham	Mr. McNicoll

Noes, 7.

Mr. Beasley
Mr. James
Mr. Martens
Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Watkins

Tellers:

Mr. Gander
Mr. E. C. Riley

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Bell reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Marr (Minister for Health), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

12. UNITED KINGDOM AND AUSTRALIA TRADE AGREEMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Scullin, viz.:*—That all the words after "That" be omitted and the following words be inserted in lieu thereof:—"the Bill be withdrawn and negotiations opened for a new agreement embodying concessions to Australian producers and preferences to Great Britain on specified items without endangering our protective policy or depriving Parliament of its power to give effect to the will of the people on general tariff policy"—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Blacklow 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.

13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Marr (Minister for Health) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-three minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Aubrey Abbott, Mr. Anstey, Mr. Bruce*, Mr. Josiah Francis, Mr. Gullett*, Mr. Hawker, Mr. Hill, Mr. Holman, Mr. Hughes*, Mr. Lane, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. McBride, Mr. Price, and Mr. Ward.

* On leave

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