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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 89.

TUESDAY, 31ST MARCH, 1936.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBERS (MR. EARLE PAGE, MR. MENZIES AND MR. E. F. HARRISON).—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That leave of absence for two months be given to the Minister for Commerce (Mr. Earle Page) and the Attorney-General (Mr. Menzies), on the ground of urgent public business, and to the honorable Member for Bendigo (Mr. E. F. Harrison), on the ground of urgent private and public business.  
Question—put and passed.
3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (MR. ALBERT GREEN).—Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) moved, by leave, That leave of absence for two months be given to the honorable Member for Kalgoorlie (Mr. Albert Green), on the ground of urgent private business.  
Question—put and passed.
4. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Blackburn 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 acceptance by the Honorable the Attorney-General for the Commonwealth, who is to represent the Commonwealth in an appeal pending in the Privy Council, of a brief from other persons or bodies concerned in such appeal".  
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. Blackburn moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Hughes (Minister representing the Acting Attorney-General) addressing the House and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257B—  
Ordered—That the Right Honorable Member have leave to continue his speech.  
Debate continued.  
*Closure.*—Mr. Gander moved, That the question be now put.  
Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.  
And the question—That the House do now adjourn—being accordingly put—  
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Bell, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Baker	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Barnard	Mr. G. W. Mahoney
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Martens
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Clark	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Ward
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. D. O. Watkins
Mr. Forde	
Mr. Frost	
Mr. Garden	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Gander
Mr. James	Mr. George Lawson

Noes, 38.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. John Lawson
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. Lyons
Sir Donald Cameron	Sir Charles Marr
Mr. Casey	Mr. McBride
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. McCall
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Fiske	Mr. Nock
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Prowse
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Scholfield
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Stacey
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Street
Mr. Holt	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Hughes	Mr. White
Mr. Hunter	
Mr. Hutchinson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Jennings	Mr. Thomas Collins
Mr. Lane	Mr. Gardner

And so it was negatived.

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## 5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1936, No. 14.

Dairy Produce Export Control Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1936, No. 19.

Dried Fruits Export Charges Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1936, No. 29.

Meat Export Charges Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1936, No. 23.

Meat Export Control Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1936, No. 31.

Norfolk Island Act—

Ordinances of 1936—

No. 3—Audit.

No. 4—Crimes.

No. 5—Stock Diseases.

No. 6—Public Works.

No. 7—Pasturage and Enclosure.

No. 8—Public Roads and Public Notices.

No. 9—Noxious Weeds.

No. 10—Slaughtering.

No. 11—Commons and Public Reserves.

Exportation of Fruit Ordinance—Regulations (Banana).

Public Service Act—Appointments of W. T. Agar, D. W. Johnson and J. L. O'Connor, Department of Health.

Wheat Bounty Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1936, No. 3.

6. COMMONWEALTH RAILWAYS BILL (1936).—Mr. Hughes (Minister representing the Acting Attorney-General) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Railways Act 1917-1925*.

Question—put and passed.

7. ARBITRATION (PUBLIC SERVICE) BILL (1936).—Mr. Hughes (Minister representing the Acting Attorney-General) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Arbitration (Public Service) Act 1920-1934*.

Question—put and passed.

## 8. WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENTS (NOS. 3 AND 4)].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

[See proposed Resolutions for Customs Tariff Amendments of the 28th November, 1935 (pages 375-456) and of the 20th March, 1936 (pages 536-538)].

Item 241 further debated—

Mr. Forde moved, That the Item be postponed.

Debate continued.

Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the Chairman do report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 28.		Noes, 31.	
Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Hunter	Mr. Baker	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Barnard	Mr. G. W. Mahoney
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. McBride	Mr. Beasley	Sir Charles Marr
Mr. Casey	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Martens
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Nock	Mr. Brennan	Mr. McCall
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Parkhill	Mr. Clark	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Fiske	Mr. Scholfield	Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Stacey	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Street	Mr. Forde	Mr. Rosevear
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Thorby	Mr. Frost	Sir Frederick Stewart
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. White	Mr. Garden	Mr. Ward
Mr. E. J. Harrison		Mr. Roland Green	Mr. D. O. Watkins
Mr. Hawker	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Holloway	
Mr. Holt	Mr. Gardner	Mr. James	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Jennings	Mr. Gander
		Mr. Lane	Mr. George Lawson
		Mr. John Lawson	

And so it was negatived.

The motion moved by Mr. Forde, That the Item be postponed, was withdrawn, by leave.

Question—That the Item be agreed to—put.

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Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McBride	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lazzarini
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Beasley	Mr. G. W. Mahoney
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		Mr. Jennings	Mr. George Lawson
		Mr. Lane	

And so it was negatived.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Parkhill (Minister for Defence) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eleven minutes past eleven 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. Albert Green\*, Mr. E. F. Harrison\*, Mr. Makin, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. McClelland, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Menzies\*, Mr. Earle Page\*, Mr. Thomas Paterson, and Mr. Scullin.

\* On leave.

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