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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 54.

WEDNESDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER, 1938.

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. WAKEFIELD ELECTORAL DIVISION—ISSUE OF WRIT.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that it was his intention to issue a Writ, on Thursday, the 10th instant, for the Election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Wakefield, in the State of South Australia, in the place of the Honorable Charles Allan Seymour Hawker, deceased. The dates in connexion with the Election would be fixed as follows :—

Date of Issue of Writ	..	..	..	Thursday, 10th November, 1938.
Date of Nomination	..	..	..	Monday, 21st November, 1938.
Date of Polling	..	..	..	Saturday, 10th December, 1938.
Date of Return of Writ	..	..	..	On or before Tuesday, 10th January, 1939.
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. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) moved, pursuant to notice, That, because of its lamentable lack of leadership in regard to urgent national problems, the Government has forfeited the confidence of this House.
Debate ensued.
Member named.—Mr. Speaker named the honorable Member for Darling (Mr. Clark) for disregarding the authority of the Chair.
At the request of Mr. Speaker, the matter was not further proceeded with.
Debate continued.
Mr. Forde 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. Lazzarini 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. Ward 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.
Mr. Barnard moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.

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

Ayes, 26.		Noes, 34.	
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Makin	Mr. Cameron	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Martens	Mr. Casey	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Collins	Mr. Paterson
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Corser	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Clark	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Price
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Scully	Mr. Francis	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Sheehan	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Forde	Mr. Ward	Mr. Holt	Mr. Spender
Mr. Frost	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Green	Mr. Wilson	Mr. Jennings	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Holloway		Mr. Jolly	Mr. Street
Mr. James	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Lane	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Gander	Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Mahoney	Mr. George Lawson	Mr. Lyons	Mr. White
		Sir Charles Marr	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. McCall	Mr. Gardner
		Mr. McEwen	Mr. Nock
		Mr. Menzies	

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

Sir Earle Page (Minister for Commerce) 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.

5. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Sir Earle Page (Minister for Commerce) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until eleven o'clock a.m., to-morrow.

Question—put and passed.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Earle Page (Minister for Commerce) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eleven minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Anthony, Mr. Badman*, Mr. Baker, Mr. Blain, Mr. Fadden, Mr. Rankin, and Mr. Riordan.

* On leave.

F. C. GREEN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives