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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 58.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER, 1938.

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. **MINISTERS HOLDING POSITIONS ON COMPANY DIRECTORATES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.**—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement on the propriety of Ministers holding positions on directorates of companies.
3. **PAPER.**—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Australian Wool Board—Second Annual Report for year 1937-38.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
4. **ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.**—Mr. Wilson 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 perilous condition of the wheat industry, and of the wheat growers, and the consequent imminent danger to all sections of the Australian community, and the necessity of a vigorous well directed and immediate Governmental policy of relief".
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. Wilson moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Scully 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. Nock addressing the House—
Closure moved.—Mr. Clark moved, That the question be now put.
Question—That the question be now put—put.
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Bell, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 26.

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| Mr. Baker | Mr. Maloney |
| Mr. Barnard | Mr. Martens |
| Mr. Beasley | Mr. Mulcahy |
| Mr. Blackburn | Mr. Pollard |
| Mr. Brennan | Mr. Rosevear |
| Mr. Clark | Mr. Scullin |
| Mr. Drakeford | Mr. Scully |
| Mr. Forde | Mr. Sheehan |
| Mr. Frost | Mr. Ward |
| Mr. Holloway | Mr. Watkins |
| Mr. James | |
| Mr. Lazzarini | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Mahoney | Mr. Gander |
| Mr. Makin | Mr. George Lawson |

Noes, 35.

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| Mr. Anthony | Mr. Nairn |
| Mr. Cameron | Sir Earle Page |
| Mr. Casey | Mr. Paterson |
| Mr. Collins | Mr. Perkins |
| Mr. Corser | Mr. Price |
| Mr. Fadden | Mr. Prowse |
| Mr. Fairbairn | Mr. Rankin |
| Mr. Francis | Mr. Scholfield |
| Mr. Gregory | Mr. Stacey |
| Mr. Harrison | Sir Frederick Stewart |
| Mr. Holt | Mr. Street |
| Mr. Hughes | Mr. Thompson |
| Mr. Hunter | Mr. Thorby |
| Mr. Jennings | Mr. Wilson |
| Mr. Jolly | |
| Mr. John Lawson | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. McCall | Mr. Gardner |
| Mr. McEwen | Mr. Nock |
| Mr. Menzies | |

And so it was negatived.

The debate having been continued for two hours, it was terminated in accordance with Standing Order No. 257B.

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5. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for the Interior) moved, That the intervening business be postponed until after Notice of Motion No. 2, General Business.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

| Ayes, 30. | | Noes, 26. | |
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| Mr. Anthony | Mr. Menzies | Mr. Baker | Mr. Martens |
| Mr. Cameron | Mr. Nairn | Mr. Barnard | Mr. Mulcahy |
| Mr. Casey | Sir Earle Page | Mr. Beasley | Mr. Pollard |
| Mr. Collins | Mr. Paterson | Mr. Blackburn | Mr. Rosevear |
| Mr. Corser | Mr. Perkins | Mr. Brennan | Mr. Scullin |
| Mr. Fadden | Mr. Prowse | Mr. Clark | Mr. Scully |
| Mr. Fairbairn | Mr. Rankin | Mr. Drakeford | Mr. Sheehan |
| Mr. Francis | Mr. Scholfield | Mr. Forde | Mr. Ward |
| Mr. Gregory | Mr. Stacey | Mr. Frost | Mr. Watkins |
| Mr. Harrison | Mr. Street | Mr. Holloway | Mr. Wilson |
| Mr. Holt | Mr. Thompson | Mr. James | |
| Mr. Hughes | Mr. Thorby | Mr. Lazzarini | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Hunter | | Mr. Mahoney | Mr. Gander |
| Mr. Jennings | <i>Tellers:</i> | Mr. Maloney | Mr. George Lawson |
| Mr. Jolly | Mr. Gardner | | |
| Mr. McEwen | Mr. Nock | | |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

6. DISALLOWANCE OF STATUTORY RULES.—Mr. Gregory moved, pursuant to notice, That Statutory Rules Nos. 65 and 86 of 1938, amending the Customs Regulations, be disallowed.

Mr. Gregory 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 ensued.

Mr. Forde moved, as an amendment, That all the words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting in lieu thereof the following words:—“the ban on the export of iron ore from Australia imposes upon the Commonwealth Government the obligation to ascertain definitely the amount of iron ore resources available within the Commonwealth with a view to their early development in the interests of Australia”.

Debate continued.

Mr. McEwen (Minister for the Interior) 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.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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

| Ayes, 4. | | Noes, 48. | |
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| Mr. Gregory | | Mr. Anthony | Mr. Martens |
| Mr. Prowse | | Mr. Baker | Mr. McCall |
| | <i>Tellers:</i> | Mr. Barnard | Mr. McEwen |
| Mr. Nairn | | Mr. Beasley | Mr. Menzies |
| Mr. Wilson | | Mr. Blackburn | Mr. Mulcahy |
| | | Mr. Brennan | Mr. Nock |
| | | Mr. Cameron | Sir Earle Page |
| | | Mr. Casey | Mr. Paterson |
| | | Mr. Clark | Mr. Perkins |
| | | Mr. Collins | Mr. Price |
| | | Mr. Corser | Mr. Rankin |
| | | Mr. Drakeford | Mr. Rosevear |
| | | Mr. Fadden | Mr. Scully |
| | | Mr. Forde | Mr. Sheehan |
| | | Mr. Francis | Mr. Stacey |
| | | Mr. Frost | Mr. Street |
| | | Mr. Gander | Mr. Thompson |
| | | Mr. Harrison | Mr. Thorby |
| | | Mr. Holloway | Mr. Ward |
| | | Mr. Holt | Mr. Watkins |
| | | Mr. James | |
| | | Mr. Jennings | |
| | | Mr. Jolly | |
| | | Mr. John Lawson | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| | | Mr. Lazzarini | Mr. Gardner |
| | | Mr. Makin | Mr. George Lawson |

And so it was negatived.

Further question proposed—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted.

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Mr. Holt moved, as an amendment to the proposed amendment, That the words proposed to be inserted be amended by adding the following words "and this House commends the Government for having instituted a comprehensive detailed survey of Australia's iron resources".

Question— That the words proposed to be added to the proposed amendment be so added—put. The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Bell, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 29.

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| Mr. Anthony | Mr. Nairn |
| Mr. Cameron | Sir Earle Page |
| Mr. Casey | Mr. Paterson |
| Mr. Collins | Mr. Perkins |
| Mr. Corser | Mr. Price |
| Mr. Fadden | Mr. Prowse |
| Mr. Francis | Mr. Rankin |
| Mr. Gregory | Mr. Stacey |
| Mr. Harrison | Mr. Street |
| Mr. Holt | Mr. Thompson |
| Mr. Jennings | Mr. Thorby |
| Mr. Jolly | |
| Mr. John Lawson | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. McCall | |
| Mr. McEwen | Mr. Gardner |
| Mr. Menzies | Mr. Nock |

Noes, 24.

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| Mr. Baker | Mr. Martens |
| Mr. Barnard | Mr. Mulcahy |
| Mr. Beasley | Mr. Pollard |
| Mr. Blackburn | Mr. Rosevear |
| Mr. Brennan | Mr. Scully |
| Mr. Clark | Mr. Sheehan |
| Mr. Drakeford | Mr. Ward |
| Mr. Forde | Mr. Watkins |
| Mr. Frost | Mr. Wilson |
| Mr. Holloway | |
| Mr. James | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Lazzarini | Mr. Gander |
| Mr. Makin | Mr. George Lawson |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question proposed—That the words proposed to be inserted, as amended, be so inserted.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 28.

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| Mr. Anthony | Mr. Nairn |
| Mr. Cameron | Sir Earle Page |
| Mr. Casey | Mr. Paterson |
| Mr. Collins | Mr. Perkins |
| Mr. Corser | Mr. Price |
| Mr. Fadden | Mr. Prowse |
| Mr. Francis | Mr. Rankin |
| Mr. Harrison | Mr. Stacey |
| Mr. Holt | Mr. Street |
| Mr. Jennings | Mr. Thompson |
| Mr. Jolly | Mr. Thorby |
| Mr. John Lawson | |
| Mr. McCall | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. McEwen | Mr. Gardner |
| Mr. Menzies | Mr. Nock |

Noes, 25.

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| Mr. Baker | Mr. Martens |
| Mr. Barnard | Mr. Mulcahy |
| Mr. Beasley | Mr. Pollard |
| Mr. Blackburn | Mr. Rosevear |
| Mr. Brennan | Mr. Scully |
| Mr. Clark | Mr. Sheehan |
| Mr. Drakeford | Mr. Ward |
| Mr. Forde | Mr. Watkins |
| Mr. Frost | Mr. Wilson |
| Mr. Gregory | |
| Mr. Holloway | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. James | Mr. Gander |
| Mr. Lazzarini | Mr. George Lawson |
| Mr. Makin | |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the motion, as amended, viz. :—That the ban on the export of iron ore from Australia imposes upon the Commonwealth Government the obligation to ascertain definitely the amount of iron ore resources available within the Commonwealth with a view to their early development in the interests of Australia, and this House commends the Government for having instituted a comprehensive detailed survey of Australia's iron resources—be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 29.

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| Mr. Anthony | Mr. Nairn |
| Mr. Cameron | Sir Earle Page |
| Mr. Casey | Mr. Paterson |
| Mr. Collins | Mr. Perkins |
| Mr. Corser | Mr. Price |
| Mr. Fadden | Mr. Prowse |
| Mr. Francis | Mr. Rankin |
| Mr. Gregory | Mr. Stacey |
| Mr. Harrison | Mr. Street |
| Mr. Holt | Mr. Thompson |
| Mr. Jennings | Mr. Thorby |
| Mr. Jolly | |
| Mr. John Lawson | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. McCall | |
| Mr. McEwen | Mr. Gardner |
| Mr. Menzies | Mr. Nock |

Noes, 24.

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|---------------|-------------------|
| Mr. Baker | Mr. Martens |
| Mr. Barnard | Mr. Mulcahy |
| Mr. Beasley | Mr. Pollard |
| Mr. Blackburn | Mr. Rosevear |
| Mr. Brennan | Mr. Scully |
| Mr. Clark | Mr. Sheehan |
| Mr. Drakeford | Mr. Ward |
| Mr. Forde | Mr. Watkins |
| Mr. Frost | Mr. Wilson |
| Mr. Holloway | |
| Mr. James | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Lazzarini | Mr. Gander |
| Mr. Makin | Mr. George Lawson |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Question—put and passed.

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

Question—put and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Badman*, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Green, Sir Henry Gullett, Mr. Hutchinson, Sir Charles Marr, and Mr. Riordan.

* On leave.

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