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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 62.

FRIDAY, 18TH NOVEMBER, 1938.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Sir Earle Page (Minister for Commerce), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement regarding the Trade Agreement between the United Kingdom and the United States of America, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—
Trade Agreement between the United Kingdom and the United States of America—Ministerial Statement—
and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Mr. Forde 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.
3. EXPORT OF PIG IRON—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the decision of the Government to permit the export of pig iron to be continued for the time being.
4. ASSISTANCE TO WHEAT INDUSTRY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Sir Earle Page (Minister for Commerce), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the decisions of the recent conference of Commonwealth and State Ministers in relation to plans for a home consumption price for wheat and for the alleviation of distress among wheat farmers.
5. PATENTS BILL 1938.—Mr. Menzies (Attorney-General), pursuant to leave given on the 17th instant, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Patents of Inventions and for other purposes*", and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
6. SUPPLY [BUDGET DEBATE].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

General debate resumed on the question, That the first item in the Estimates, under Division I.—The Senate—namely—

Salaries and allowances	£8,210
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be agreed to.

Mr. Maloney addressing the Committee, 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.
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.

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7. **PRINTING COMMITTEE—THIRD REPORT.**—Mr. Stacey, Chairman, brought up the Third Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate). The Report was read by the Clerk, as follows :—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have met in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered certain of the Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, recommend that the following be printed :—

Australian Agricultural Council—Summary of Resolutions passed by the Australian Agricultural Council at the eighth meeting held in Perth, 8th and 9th September, 1938.

Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act—Report of the Repatriation Commission for the year ended 30th June, 1938.

Australian Wool Board—Second Annual Report, for year 1937–38.

Commonwealth Grants Commission Act—Fifth Report of the Commonwealth Grants Commission, dated 31st August, 1938, on the Application made by the States of South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania, for Financial Assistance in 1938–39 from the Commonwealth under Section 96 of the Constitution.

Conference of Commonwealth and State Ministers on Wheat, held at Canberra, 29th August, 1938—Proceedings of Conference.

Dried Fruits Export Control Act—Fourteenth Annual Report, for year 1937–38, together with Statement by the Minister for Commerce regarding the operation of the Act.

High Commissioner for Australia in London—Report for 1937.

National Debt Sinking Fund Act—National Debt Commission—Fifteenth Annual Report, for year ended 30th June, 1938.

Nauru—Report to the Council of the League of Nations on the Administration of Nauru during the year 1937.

New Guinea—Report to the Council of the League of Nations on the Administration of the Territory of New Guinea from 1st July, 1936, to 30th June, 1937.

Taxation Acts—Twentieth Report of the Commissioner, year 1936–37—Land Tax, Income Tax and Estate Duty ; and year 1937–38—Sales Tax.

War Service Homes Act—Report of the War Service Homes Commission, together with Statements and Balance-sheet, for the year ended 30th June, 1938.

F. H. STACEY,
Chairman.

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Mr. Stacey moved, by leave, That the Report be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

- 8: **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at ten minutes to five o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Curtin, Mr. Holt, Mr. John Lawson, Sir Charles Marr, and Mr. Scholfield.

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