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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 99.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 17TH MARCH, 1908.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

NORTHCOTE,
Governor-General. *Message No. 24.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and eight*" (Supply Act (No. 5) 1907-8), as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

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3. THE LATE MOST HONORABLE THE MARQUIS OF LINLITHGOW, FIRST GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF AUSTRALIA.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received from the Governor-General information that he had forwarded to the Marchioness of Linlithgow the resolution of condolence passed by this House on 11th March instant, and that he had received the following reply thereto, dated 16th March, 1908 :—"Please convey grateful thanks to [Senate and] House of Representatives for kind sympathy which we deeply appreciate."

HERSEY LINLITHGOW."
4. PETITION.—Mr. Hedges presented a Petition from B. Rosenstamm and J. F. Conigrave, styling themselves President and Secretary respectively of the Perth Chamber of Commerce, for and on behalf of the said chamber, praying that the House will see fit to lay aside the Australian Industries Preservation Bill (1907).
Petition received and read.
5. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Hutchison 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 alleged Customs frauds by the firm of Harris, Scarfe, and Co."
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. Hutchison moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
7. ALTERATION OF TIME OF NEXT MEETING.—Sir William Lyne moved, That the House, at its rising adjourn until three o'clock to-morrow afternoon.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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8. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir William Lyne moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Catts, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Foster, Mr. Fowler, Sir Philip Fysh, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hans Irvine, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Liddell, Mr. Mahon, Mr. Mathews, Mr. Reid, Mr. Sampson, Mr. Sinclair, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Storrer, Mr. John Thomson, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Willis, and Mr. Wilson.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.