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# THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## No. 17.

# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 3RD AUGUST, 1922.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Public Service Act—Promotion of W. C. Street, Postmaster-General's Department.  
Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance of 1922—No. 5—Interpretation.
3. POSTAL CHARGES—REDUCTION OF.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Bowden :—That, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived to reduce the postal charges within the Commonwealth—  
Debate resumed.  
Mr. West addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.  
Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 24th instant.
4. MEETING OF PARLIAMENT AT CANBERRA IN 1924.—Mr. Austin Chapman moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, His Majesty's Ministers of State for the Commonwealth should, after the Prorogation of the Session of Parliament in 1923, advise His Excellency the Governor-General to summon the Session to be held in 1924 at Canberra, the Federal Capital.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Mathews addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.  
Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 17th instant.
5. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—SUGAR—COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT CONTROL—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Rodgers :—That the Paper [*presented on the 21st ultimo*], viz. :—  
Commonwealth Government Sugar Control—Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1922 ; profit and loss account for the period from 19th July, 1915, to 30th June, 1922 ; trading and profit and loss account for the period from 19th July, 1915, to 30th June, 1922—operating and trading accounts—  
be printed—and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Charlton, viz. :—That the following words be added to the motion :—“and the retail price of sugar be reduced to 4½d. per lb. from the 7th August, 1922”—  
Debate resumed.  
Mr. Pratten addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257A, the honorable Member was given leave to continue his speech for thirty minutes.  
Debate continued.  
Mr. Lazzarini addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.  
Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

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6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Greene moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.

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

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bell, Mr. Burchell, Mr. Gregory\*, Mr. Groom, Mr. Hay, Mr. Jowett\*, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Wienholt.

\* On leave.

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WALTER A. GALE,  
*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*