THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA, CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 72.

THURSDAY, 17TH JULY, 1930.

- 1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Norman J. O. Makin) took the Chair, and offered Prayers.
- 2. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until ten o'clock a.m. to-morrow. Question—put and passed.
- 3. Ways and Means [Customs and Excise Tariff Amendment, Special Customs Duty, and Primage Duty].—The House, according to order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

- [See (a) proposed Resolutions for Customs and Excise Tariff Amendment of the 19th June, 1930 (pages 211-262), which includes Items in the proposed Customs Tariff Resolutions of the 21st November, 1929 (pages 12-41), and the 11th December, 1929 (pages 73-78), and also includes the proposed Excise Tariff Resolutions of the 21st November, 1929 (pages 42-43), 22nd November, 1929 (pages 46-47), 12th March, 1930 (page 95), and 26th March, 1930 (page 113);
 - (b) proposed Resolutions for Customs and Excise Tariff Amendment of the 9th July, 1930 (pages 294-295);
 - (c) proposed Resolutions for Special Customs Duty of the 3rd April, 1930 (pages 125-127), and of the 19th June, 1930 (pages 262-264); and
 - (d) proposed Resolution for a Primage Duty of the 9th July, 1930 (page 296).]
- General debate resumed on the first Item of the Customs Tariff, and on the amendment moved by Mr. Gregory (see page 315) to the first paragraph of the proposed Resolution of the 19th June, 1930, the proposed amendment being as follows:—That after the word "That" (first occurring) the following words be inserted:—"consideration of the Tariff be postponed with a view to determining what action is advisable with a view of granting relief to the producers and people of Western Australia whose progress and prosperity are seriously imperilled by the high tariff policy of the Commonwealth".
- Mr. Hawker moved, as an amendment upon the proposed amendment, That after the words "Western Australia" the words "and South Australia" be inserted.

 Debate continued.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.
Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
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4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PUBLIC SERVICE BILL (1930).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

Mr. Speaker,

Message No. 38.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to amend the 'Commonwealth Public Service Act 1922–1928'," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

WALTER KINGSMILL,

The Senate,

Canberra, 17th July, 1930.

President.

- Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.
- 5. Adjournment.—Mr. Fenton (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Question—put and passed.
- And then the House, at nine minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bayley, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Chifley, Mr. Coleman*, Mr. Gibbons, Mr. Guy, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Killen*, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Marks, Mr. Mathews*, Mr. Theodore, and Mr. West.

• On leave.

E. W. Parkes, Clerk of the House of Representatives.