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# THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA, CANBERRA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 99.

FRIDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER, 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. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Stewart 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 serious position of the Australian wheat-growing industry as a result of the collapse of World's wheat prices".

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. Stewart moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 119, and the Orders of the Day were called on.

3. PAPER.—By leave, the following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—

Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act—Report of the Repatriation Commission for the year ended 30th June, 1930.

Ordered to be printed.

4. FINANCIAL STATEMENT BY ACTING TREASURER—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Lyons (Acting Treasurer), That the Paper [*presented on the 5th instant*], viz. :—

Financial Statement by the Honorable J. A. Lyons, Postmaster-General and Acting Treasurer—be printed, *and upon the amendment moved thereto by Mr. Latham, viz. :—*That all the words after "That" be omitted and the following words be inserted in place thereof :—"the Government should introduce proposals more closely in accord with the agreement made by the Prime Minister with the Premiers of the States on 21st August last at Melbourne"—

Debate resumed.

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

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

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Lacey
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Long
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Lyons
Mr. Chifley	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Martens
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Curtin	Mr. McTiernan
Mr. Cusack	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Eldridge	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Rowe
Mr. Forde	Mr. Theodore
Mr. Frost	Mr. Tully
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Gibbons	
Mr. Albert Green	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Jones	Mr. Price
Mr. Keane	Mr. E. C. Riley

Noes, 23.

Mr. Bell	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. White
Mr. Gardner	
Mr. Roland Green	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Gregory	
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Bayley
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Hill	
Mr. Killen	
Mr. Mackay	
Mr. Marks	
Mr. Maxwell	
Mr. Morgan	
Mr. Nairn	
Mr. Earle Page	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Mr. Earle Page moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the motion :—" as an instruction to the Government to revise immediately the tariff on a scientific basis so that the cost of living will be reduced, the cost of production lessened, and employment increased."

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put.

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

Ayes, 23.		Noes, 32.	
Mr. Bell	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Anstey	Mr. Long
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Lyons
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. White	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Josiah Francis		Mr. Chifley	Mr. Martens
Mr. Gardner	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Crouch	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Roland Green		Mr. Cunningham	Mr. McTiernan
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Cusack	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Hawker		Mr. Eldridge	Mr. Rowe
Mr. Hill		Mr. Fenton	Mr. Theodore
Mr. Killen		Mr. Forde	Mr. Tully
Mr. Mackay		Mr. Frost	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Marks		Mr. Gabb	
Mr. Maxwell		Mr. Gibbons	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Morgan		Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Price
Mr. Nairn		Mr. Jones	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Earle Page		Mr. Keane	
Mr. Parkhill		Mr. Lacey	

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put and passed.

5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules Nos. 118, 123, 129.

Public Service Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1930, No. 121.

Quarantine Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1930, No. 136.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fenton (Acting Prime Minister) moved, that the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eleven minutes past four 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. Brennan, Mr. Donald Cameron, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Culley, Mr. Guy, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hunter, Mr. James, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Lewis, Mr. McGrath, Mr. McNeill, Mr. Parker Moloney, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Thomas Paterson, Mr. Scullin, Mr. West, and Mr. Yates.

E. W. PARKES,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*