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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 61.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER, 1932.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. H. Mackay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Earle Page 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 necessity for reducing costs in both primary and secondary industries and for lightening the intolerable burden due to the cumulative effect on industry of customs duty, primage and exchange by amending the *Customs Act* to provide that when the amount of duty payable upon importation is being assessed, an amount shall be deducted from the rate of duty applicable, equivalent to an agreed upon proportion of the adverse exchange rate operating against the importer concerned".
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. Earle Page moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Thomas Paterson addressing the House 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.
Debate continued.
Mr. Scullin addressing the House and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257B—
Ordered—That the Right Honorable Member have leave to continue his speech.
Debate continued.
Question—put and negatived.
3. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determination by the Arbitrator, &c.—No. 19 of 1932—
Australian Postal Electricians' Union.
4. UNITED KINGDOM AND AUSTRALIA TRADE AGREEMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
And on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Scullin, viz.:—That all the words after "That" be omitted and the following words be inserted in lieu thereof:—"the Bill be withdrawn and negotiations opened for a new agreement embodying concessions to Australian producers and preferences to Great Britain on specified items without endangering our protective policy or depriving Parliament of its power to give effect to the will of the people on general tariff policy"—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Hawker 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.

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5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—APPROPRIATION BILL 1932-33.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 53.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *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 thirty-three and to appropriate the Supplies granted by the Parliament for such year,*” and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

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6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Latham (Attorney-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bruce*, Mr. Josiah Francis, Mr. Gullett*, Mr. Holman, Mr. Hughes*, Mr. Lane, Mr. Parkhill, and Mr. Price.

* On leave.

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