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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

No. 132.

THURSDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER, 1933.

1. The House met, at five 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 an alteration of the present electoral system to secure more equitable Federal representation".
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.
Mr. Earle Page 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. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Electoral Redistribution of Seats for the House of Representatives—Memorandum by the Acting Chief Electoral Officer, dated 25th July, 1922, in connexion with proposals by the Right Honorable Earle Page, M.P.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determination by the Arbitrator, &c.—
No. 23 of 1933—Arms, Explosives and Munition Workers' Federation of Australia.
4. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES, 1933-34.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Vote—"Miscellaneous Services, £1,177,970"—

Divisions Nos. 100-101, Under Control of Prime Minister's Department, £135,411—and the amendment moved thereto by Mr. Nelson, viz.:—That the amount be reduced by £1—further debated.

The Committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

FRIDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER, 1933.

Debate continued.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Bell reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Latham (Attorney-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-five minutes to one o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Anstey, Mr. Roland Green, and Mr. Holman.

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

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