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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 42.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER, 1938.

1. The House met, at half-past eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

*Suspension of Sitting.*—At twenty-eight minutes to twelve o'clock noon, Mr. Speaker left the Chair.  
*Resumption of Sitting.*—At eleven o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

2. INTERNATIONAL SITUATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement on the International Situation reviewing recent events in connexion with the Czechoslovakian crisis, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

Anglo-French proposals, 19th September, 1938.  
Lord Runciman's letter to Mr. Chamberlain (Prime Minister of Great Britain), 21st September.  
Mr. Chamberlain's first letter of 23rd September to Herr Hitler.  
Herr Hitler's reply to Mr. Chamberlain, 23rd September.  
Mr. Chamberlain's second letter of 23rd September to Herr Hitler.  
Herr Hitler's memorandum concerning German proposals, 23rd September.  
Main points of Czech Government's reply to German proposals, 25th September.  
Czech Minister's letter, 26th September.  
Mr. Chamberlain's letter to Herr Hitler, 26th September.  
Herr Hitler's reply to Mr. Chamberlain, 27th September.

Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a Statement on the matter.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY BILL. (No. 2) 1938-39.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 40.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine.*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 28th September, 1938.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

4. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until eleven o'clock a.m. to-morrow.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.
5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Badman, Mr. Baker, Mr. Blain, Mr. Collins, Sir Henry Gullett, Mr. Harrison, and Mr. Spender.

F. C. GREEN,  
Clerk of the House of Representatives.