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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 41.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH SEPTEMBER, 1907.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITIONS.—Sir William Lyne presented a Petition from certain electors of Hume, New South Wales, and elsewhere, praying that the House will reject, or at least greatly modify, the proposed Customs duties on articles of almost daily need for the necessaries of life and for the agricultural and industrial prosperity of the State, particularly on wearing apparel, agricultural and other machinery, and wire netting.
Sir William Lyne moved, That the Petition be received.
Debate ensued.
Question—put.
The House divided—

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Atkinson,	Mr. Liddell,
Mr. Bamford,	Sir William Lyne,
Mr. Bowden,	Mr. Mahon,
Mr. Tilley Brown,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Palmer,
Mr. Catts,	Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Storrer,
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. John Thomson,
Mr. Fowler,	Mr. Webster,
Colonel Foxton,	Mr. Willis.
Sir Philip Fysh,	
Mr. Hedges,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Johnson,	Mr. Glynn,
Mr. Knox,	Mr. Wilks.

Noes, 23.

Mr. Batchelor,	Mr. Mauger,
Mr. Carr,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Poynton,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Spence,
Mr. Coon,	Mr. Tudor,
Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Edwards,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Wise.
Mr. Foster,	
Mr. Groom,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hall,	Mr. Hume Cook,
Mr. Hutchison,	Mr. Salmon.
Mr. Mathews,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Liddell moved, That the Petition be read.

On the motion of Mr. Watkins, the question was amended by adding the words "including the names attached thereto."

Question—That the Petition be read, including the names attached thereto—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Petition read accordingly.

Mr. Bruce Smith presented a Petition from 2,500 women citizens of Sydney, praying that the House would lower the Tariff on all household necessaries, as it has increased the cost of living beyond the means of thousands of citizens.

Mr. Bowden presented a Petition from women of the Holroyd district of the Nepean Electorate, praying that the House will reject any resolutions for increasing Customs duties.
Petitions severally received.

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3. PRIVILEGE.—SIGNATURES TO PETITION.—Mr. Hutchison moved, That the Petition presented by the honorable Member for Hume be referred to the Attorney-General for immediate investigation as to its accuracy and alleged forgery.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Salmon moved, as an amendment, That the words "Attorney-General" be omitted and that the words "Printing Committee of this House" be inserted in place thereof.
Debate continued.
And the question having been amended as proposed—
Question—That the Petition presented by the honorable Member for Hume be referred to the Printing Committee of this House for immediate investigation as to its accuracy and alleged forgery—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. PAPERS.—Mr. Mauger presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at—
Canbelego, New South Wales—As a site for a Post Office.
Young, New South Wales—As an extension to Postal property.
5. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
6. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir William Lyne moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House at twelve 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. Archer, Mr. Deakin*, Mr. Frazer, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Harper*, Mr. Hans Irvine, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Kingston*, Mr. Livingston, Mr. McDougall, Mr. McWilliams, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Dugald Thomson, and Mr. Wilson.

* On leave.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.