

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 117.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 8TH APRIL, 1921.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. **ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.**—Mr. Charlton 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 cancellation and reduction of Soldiers' War Pensions by the Department of Repatriation".
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. Charlton moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Rodgers, addressing the House, and not having, in compliance with Standing Order No. 39, concluded his speech within fifteen minutes, the honorable Member was, by leave of the House, allowed to continue his speech.
Debate continued.
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. **WAYS AND MEANS [THE TARIFF].**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In the Committee.*)

General debate resumed on the first Item of the Customs Tariff (*see* pages 36-88 and 321-6 *ante.*)
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

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

4. **PAPERS.**—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Tropical Australia—Report of the discussion at the Australasian Medical Congress at Brisbane, 27th August, 1920.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Public Service Act—Appointments, &c., of J. R. McKay, E. C. Craine, L. L. Trevitt, W. H. Allan, F. M. Ross, D. P. J. Mitchell, A. J. Humphreys, W. J. T. Campton, J. T. Pinner, H. C. Higgins, J. J. Stewart, R. J. J. Hunt, Department of the Treasury.
5. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Sir Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-eight minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bayley, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Bruce, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Fenton, Mr. Gabb, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Makin, Mr. McDonald, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Wienholt.

WALTER A. GALE,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.