

1932.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 10.

TUESDAY, 8TH MARCH, 1932.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. H. Mackay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. THE LATE SENATOR THE HONORABLE J. EARLE.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received from Mrs. Earle a letter thanking the House for its Resolution of Sympathy.
3. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS-IN-REPLY.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) informed the House that the Address-in-Reply would be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General at Government House, at eleven o'clock a.m. to-morrow.  
Mr. Speaker said he would be glad if the mover and seconder, together with other honorable Members, would accompany him to present the Address.
4. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until half-past two o'clock p.m. to-morrow.  
Question—put and passed.
5. RETURN TO ORIGINAL WRIT (NORTHERN TERRITORY).—The Clerk announced that he had that day received from the Military Secretary to His Excellency the Governor-General the Return to the Original Writ for the election of a Member of the House of Representatives for the Northern Territory, which confirmed the certificate of indorsement on the Copy Writ as to the election of Harold George Nelson, announced to the House on the 24th February, 1932.
6. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent discussion of the Tariff proposals relating to Tobacco during the debate on a motion for the printing of the Tariff Board's Report on Tobacco, and would prevent the continuance of the debate after two hours under Standing Order No. 119.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.
7. TOBACCO—TARIFF BOARD REPORT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Gullett (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, pursuant to notice, That the following Paper, laid on the Table of the House on the 2nd instant, be printed:—  
Tariff Board—Report and Recommendation—Tobacco.  
Mr. Gullett 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 by Mr. Forde, who moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the motion:—“; and that the Government reconsider its action with a view to affording Australian tobacco-growers the same margin of protection as that given by the previous Government; and that Parliament be granted an early opportunity to determine the question so as to remove the uncertainty now prevailing in the industry.”  
Debate continued.

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Mr. Earle Page moved, as an amendment to the proposed amendment, That all words in the proposed amendment after the word "that" (first occurring) be omitted, and the following words be inserted in place thereof:—

"in the opinion of this House, the Government should reconsider the proposals submitted by the tobacco-growers that the rates of excise duty should be, on—

- (A) Tobacco, manufactured from Australian-grown leaf .. .. per lb. 3s. 4d.  
 (B) Tobacco, manufactured from imported leaf .. .. per lb. 5s. 4d.

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.

Mr. Marr (Minister for Health) moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Mackay, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 46.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. John Lawson
Mr. Blacklow	Mr. Lyons
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marr
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Casey	Mr. McBride
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Dein	Mr. McNicoll
Mr. Dennis	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Nock
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Perkins
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Price
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Guy	Mr. Stacey
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Frederick Stewart
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Hawker	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Holman	Mr. White
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Hutchinson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Jennings	Mr. Gardner
Mr. Lane	Mr. Thompson

Noes, 20.

Mr. Beasley
Mr. Blakeley
Mr. Bernard Corser
Mr. Forde
Mr. Gander
Mr. Albert Green
Mr. Roland Green
Mr. Holloway
Mr. Hunter
Mr. George Lawson
Mr. Makin
Mr. Prowse
Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Riordan
Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Scullin
Mr. Ward
Mr. Watkins

*Tellers:*

Mr. Baker
Mr. Martens

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
 Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

WEDNESDAY, 9TH MARCH, 1932.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at five minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Anstey, Mr. Bell, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hutchin, Mr. James, Mr. Latham, Mr. W. Maloney, and Mr. McClelland.

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