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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 73.

WEDNESDAY, 19TH APRIL, 1939.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., according to the terms of the Resolution of the 8th December last.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. RETURN TO WRIT (WAKEFIELD DIVISION).—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a Return to the Writ which he had issued on the 10th November last, for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Wakefield, in the State of South Australia, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the Honorable Charles Allan Seymour Hawker, and that by the endorsement on the Writ it was certified that Sydney McHugh had been elected in pursuance of the said Writ.
3. MEMBER SWORN.—Sydney McHugh, Esquire, was introduced, and made and subscribed the Oath required by law.
4. DEATH OF THE PRIME MINISTER (THE RIGHT HONORABLE J. A. LYONS, C.H.).—Sir Earle Page (Prime Minister) referred to the death, on the 7th instant, of the Right Honorable J. A. Lyons, C.H., Prime Minister, and moved, That this House expresses its deep regret at the death of the Right Honorable Joseph Aloysius Lyons, Companion of Honour, for more than seven years Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Australia; places on record its appreciation of his distinguished public service; and tenders to his wife, Dame Enid Lyons, her family and all relatives, its profound sympathy in their sad bereavement.  
And Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr. Hughes (Attorney-General), Mr. Maloney and Mr. Menzies having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—  
Question—passed.
5. DEATH OF MEMBER (MR. F. M. J. BAKER).—Sir Earle Page (Prime Minister) referred to the death, on the 28th March last, of Mr. F. M. J. Baker, and moved, That this House records its deep regret at the death of Mr. Francis Matthew John Baker, Member for Griffith, places on record its appreciation of his meritorious public service, and tenders its heartfelt sympathy to his widow and daughters in their bereavement.  
And Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr. Menzies and Mr. Forde having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—  
Question—passed.
6. DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM WATSON.—Sir Earle Page (Prime Minister) referred to the death, on the 21st December last, of Mr. William Watson, and moved, That this House places on record its deep regret at the death of Mr. William Watson, a former Member for Fremantle in this House, places on record its appreciation of his meritorious public service and tenders to his widow its deep sympathy in her bereavement.  
And Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and all Members present having risen, in silence—  
Question—passed.
7. DEATH OF MR. W. W. KILLEN.—Sir Earle Page (Prime Minister) referred to the death, on the 20th February last, of Mr. W. W. Killen, and moved, That this House places on record its deep regret at the death of Mr. William Wilson Killen, a former Member for the Division of Riverina in this House, places on record its appreciation of his meritorious service and tenders to his widow and family its deep sympathy in their bereavement.  
And Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and all Members present having risen, in silence—  
Question—passed.

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8. TRANSMISSION OF RESOLUTIONS TO RELATIVES OF DECEASED.—Sir Earle Page (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That Mr. Speaker be requested to transmit to the relatives of the deceased the foregoing Resolutions, together with copies of the speeches delivered thereon.  
Question—put and passed.
9. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Sir Earle Page (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until eleven o'clock a.m. tomorrow.  
Question—put and passed.
10. ADJOURNMENT AS MARK OF RESPECT.—Sir Earle Page (Prime Minister) then moved, as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and passed.

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

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Prowse and Mr. Watkins.

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