

1907.  
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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 33.

### VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER, 1907.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITIONS.—Mr. Joseph Cook presented a Petition from D. Izett, honorary organizing secretary of the Child Study Association of Australasia, in regard to the taxation of food and clothing necessary to the life and well-being of the motherhood and childhood of Australia, and the taxation, direct or indirect, of any materials that would cause an increase in rents, and praying that all Customs duties may be removed from food and clothing, &c. (as set forth in the Petition), necessary to the health, comfort, and decency of the people.

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.

Petitions severally received and read.

3. GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—PRECEDENCE TO.—Sir William Lyne moved, pursuant to notice, That on each sitting day, until otherwise ordered, Government business shall take precedence of General business.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Archer,	Mr. W. H. Irvine,
Mr. Atkinson,	Mr. Liddell,
Mr. Batchelor,	Sir William Lyne,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Mahon,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. McDougall,
Mr. Joseph Cook,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Coon,	Mr. Sampson,
Mr. Crouch,	Mr. Storrer,
Mr. Edwards,	Mr. John Thomson,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Willis,
Mr. Fairbairn,	Mr. Wise,
Sir John Forrest,	Mr. Wynne.
Colonel Foxton,	
Mr. Fuller,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Sir Philip Fysh,	
Mr. Groom,	Mr. Hume Cook,
Mr. Hedges,	Mr. Wilks.
Mr. Hans Irvine,	

Noes, 11.

Mr. Tilley Brown,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Tudor.
Mr. Carr,	
Mr. Fisher,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Frazer,	
Mr. Mathews,	Mr. Hutchison,
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. McWilliams.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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4. PAPER.—Mr. Ewing presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—  
Defence Acts—Provisional Regulations—Military Cadet Corps—Amendment section 1, para. 5 (a); Additions section 1, para. 4; section 2, paras. 19 and 21.—Statutory Rules 1907, No. 87.
5. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.  
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. PAPER.—Sir William Lyne presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—  
Audit Acts—Transfers of amounts approved by the Governor-General in Council—Financial Year 1906-7 (dated 29th August, 1907).
7. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir William Lyne moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at five 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. Bamford, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Catts, Mr. Deakin\*, Mr. Foster, Mr. Hall, Mr. Harper\*, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Kingston\*, Mr. Livingston, Sir John Quick, Mr. Reid, Mr. Sinclair, Mr. Spence, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Dugald Thomson, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Watson, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Wilson.

\* On leave.

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