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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 56.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 25TH JUNE, 1926.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Sir Littleton Groom) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (MR. ANSTEY).—Mr. Charlton (Leader of the Opposition) moved, by leave, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Bourke (Mr. Anstey) on the ground of ill-health.
Question—put and passed.
3. DAYS OF BUSINESS—ALTERATION OF.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That, unless otherwise ordered, the House shall sit on each Tuesday at three o'clock p.m.; on each Wednesday and Thursday at half-past two o'clock p.m.; and on each Friday at eleven o'clock a.m.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
4. CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL (1926)—SENATE'S REQUESTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendments requested by the Senate—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendments requested by the Senate, which are as follow :—

SCHEDULE SHOWING REQUESTS MADE BY THE SENATE FOR AMENDMENTS IN THE
CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL (1926).

No. 1.—Page 4, Item 84, leave out "January, 1927", insert "October, 1926".

No. 2.—Page 5, Item 105, make sub-item (AA) read as follows :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
"(AA) Piece Goods, Cotton, Silk or containing Silk, artificial silk or containing artificial silk, but not containing wool, knitted, in tubular form or otherwise—			
(1) for the manufacture of goods other than apparel, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws ad val.	Free	5 per cent.	15 per cent.
(2) Other ad val.	20 per cent.	30 per cent.	35 per cent."

No. 3.—Page 5, Item 105, make sub-item (D) read as follows :—

"(D) (1) Artificial Silk, or containing artificial silk or having artificial silk worked thereon, except piece goods enumerated in sub-items (AA) and (F) ad val.	15 per cent.	15 per cent.	20 per cent.
(2) Silk, or containing silk or having silk worked thereon, except piece goods enumerated in sub-items (AA), (D) (1) and (F) ad val.	10 per cent.	12½ per cent.	20 per cent."

No. 4.—Page 8, Item 118, make sub-item (A) read as follows :—

"(A) (1) Carpets, Carpeting, Floor Rugs, Floor and Carriage Mats, not exceeding 36 inches in width, of Wool, Jute, or any other textile material excepting Coir, Carpet Felt and Under-carpet Felt ad val.	10 per cent.	15 per cent.	25 per cent.
(2) Carpets, Carpeting, Floor Cloths, n.e.i., Floor and Carriage Mats, n.e.i., of any textile material except Coir; and Floor Rugs and Coverings, n.e.i., not being of rubber and not being Furs or other Skins or Carpet Felt, Under-carpet Felt, or Carpet Felt Paper; Saddle-bag in the piece or otherwise ad val.	Free	10 per cent.	15 per cent."

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No. 5.—Page 10, Item 144, after the figures “ 144 ” insert the words “ By omitting the whole of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
(B) Sheet (plain) ; Circles or Ingots, bored or unbored, for cyanide gold process ; Zinc Dust ; Zinc Tubing ad val.	25 per cent.	35 per cent.	40 per cent.”

No. 6.—Page 10, Item 144, make sub-item (c) read as follows :—

“ (c) Zinc Shavings ; Zinc Blocks for marine boilers - ad val. | Free | Free | 10 per cent.”

No. 7.—Page 10, Item 152, make sub-item (B) read as follows :—

(B) (1) Close jointed Iron or Steel Pipes and Tubes - per 100 feet or ad val.	1s. 3d. 27½ per cent.	2s. 3d. 35 per cent.	2s. 9d. 40 per cent.
which ever rate returns the higher duty			
(2) Cycle Tubing including Liners, Bent Tubing and Fork Sides, whether plated or brazed or not, but not including Cycle Frames partly or wholly finished ; Wrought Iron and Steel Pipes, n.e.i. - ad val.	27½ per cent.	35 per cent.	40 per cent.”

No. 8.—Page 11, Item 176, make sub-item (D) read as follows :—

“ (D) Cement-making machines, n.e.i. ; Road-making machines, n.e.i. ; Stone-crushing machines ; Aerial Ropeways exclusive of cable ; Travelling and Portable Cranes, hand operated ; Coal Conveyors and Ash-handling Plant exclusive of motive power equipment ad val.	35 per cent.	45 per cent.	50 per cent.”
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No. 9.—Page 15, Item 229, after sub-item (B) insert the words—“ By omitting the whole of sub-item (H) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—

(H) (1) Vegetable Oils, Edible, n.e.i., including Salad, Cooking and Fish-frying Oils - per gallon	2s.	2s. 6d.	3s.
(2) Olive Oil for use in the production of dried fruits or for other purposes, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws -	Free	Free	Free.”

No. 10.—Page 16, Item 269, make sub-item (D) read as follows :—

“ (D) Nicotine and Derris Spraying Preparations ; Liquid Hydrocyanic Acid Gas, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws -	Free	Free	Free.”
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No. 11.—Page 16, Item 279, add the following new sub-item (c) :—

“ (c) Argol - - - - -	Free	Free	Free.”
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No. 12.—Page 16, Item 281, add the following :—“ By omitting the whole of sub-item (J) (three times occurring) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—

(J) Drugs, Crude, viz. :—Pyrethrum Flowers in packages containing not less than 28 lb. net, Roots, Barks, Leaves, Seeds, and Flowers, Ergot, Dried Vegetable Juices, Medicinal Gums and Resins, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws -	Free	Free	Free.”
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No. 13.—Page 16, Item 281, add the following :—“ By omitting the whole of sub-item (K) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—

(K) Chlorate of Potash ; Carbonate of Potash, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws -	Free	Free	Free.”
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No. 14.—Page 18, Item 318, make sub-item (A) read as follows :—

“ (A) (1) Clocks, partly or wholly of wood - ad val.	25 per cent.	30 per cent.	45 per cent.
(2) Clocks, n.e.i. ; Opera, Field, and Marine Glasses ; Pedometers ; Pocket Counters and the like - ad val.	Free	15 per cent.	20 per cent.
(3) (a) Wristlet Watches partly or wholly of precious metals and parts thereof n.e.i. - ad val.	10 per cent.	20 per cent.	30 per cent.
(b) Watches and Chronometers, n.e.i. ; Time Registers and Detectors - ad val.	Free	15 per cent.	20 per cent.
(4) Watch Movements, n.e.i., as prescribed by Departmental By-laws -	Free	Free	Free.”

No. 15.—Page 18, Item 320, sub-item (c) (2) (b), General Tariff column, leave out 1½d., insert 2½d.

No. 16.—Page 19, Item 359, sub-item (D) (4), after “ Tyres ” insert “ or Storage Batteries ”.

No. 17.—Page 19, Item 366, make sub-item (B) read as follows :—

“ (B) Carillons and Bells, including fittings therefor but not including structural iron or steel, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws ad val.	Free	10 per cent.	20 per cent.”
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No. 18.—Page 22, Item 424, make sub-item (B) (second occurring) read as follows :—

“ (B) Vessels, n.e.i., trading Intra-State or Interstate, or otherwise employed in Australian waters for any continuous period of three months, excepting vessels exceeding 500 tons gross register in respect of which firm orders were placed with oversea suppliers before the date on which the deferred duty comes into operation and which are actually entered at an Australian port within fifteen months from such date - ad val.	25 per cent.	30 per cent.	35 per cent.”
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No. 19.—Page 22, Item 424, sub-item (g), after “Whaling” insert “, Trawling.”

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Pratten (Minister for Trade and Customs), after debate—That any amendment made in the Schedule of the Bill by the Committee shall have effect on and after the day following the day the amendment is made, excepting where the Committee otherwise decides or the contrary intention appears.

Requested Amendments Nos. 1 and 2 made.

Requested Amendment No. 3—

Debate ensued.

Mr. Pratten moved, That the requested Amendment be made with the following modification :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
Instead of “ ad val.	15 per cent.	15 per cent.	20 per cent.”
Read “ ad val.	20 per cent.	20 per cent.	25 per cent.”

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

Requested Amendment No. 4—

Mr. Pratten moved, That the requested Amendment be made with the following modification :—

Make sub-item (A) read—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“(A) Carpets, Carpeting, Floor Cloths, n.e.i., Floor and Carriage Mats of any textile material except coir; and Floor Rugs and Coverings not being of rubber and not being Furs or other Skins or Carpet Felt, Under-carpet Felt, or Carpet Felt Paper; Saddle-bag in the piece or otherwise - ad val.	10 per cent.	15 per cent.	25 per cent.”

and before sub-item (B) insert—“And on and after 25th March, 1926”.

Question—put and passed.

Requested Amendments Nos. 5 to 13 made.

Requested Amendment No. 14 debated and made with the following consequential modification :—

Before sub-item (B) insert—“And on and after 26th March, 1926”.

Requested Amendment No. 15 postponed.

Requested Amendments Nos. 16 to 19 made.

Postponed requested Amendment No. 15—

Mr. Pratten moved, That the requested Amendment be not made.

Debate ensued.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.

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

5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 2 and 3, Government Business, be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 4.

6. GRAFTON TO SOUTH BRISBANE RAILWAY BILL (1926).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Hill (Minister for Works and Railways) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Charlton moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.

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

7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE) BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 32.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*A Proposed Law to alter the provisions of the Constitution in relation to Industry and Commerce*,” and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 25th June, 1926.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (ESSENTIAL SERVICES) BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 33.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*A Proposed Law to alter the provisions of the Constitution in relation to Essential Services*,” and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
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9. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1926-27.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 34.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven,*" and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 25th June, 1926.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seventeen minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—
Mr. Anstey*, Mr. Donald Cameron, Mr. Corser*, Mr. Fenton, Mr. Josiah Francis, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Gullett, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Killen*, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Latham, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Makin, Mr. Marks, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Parsons, Mr. Prowse, Sir Granville Ryrie, and Mr. Stewart.

* On leave.

FRANK L. CLAPIN,
Clerk-Assistant,
for Clerk of the House of Representatives.