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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 82.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 10TH AUGUST, 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. FEDERAL AID ROADS BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

*(In the Committee.)*

Clause 2 further debated.

Question—That the clause be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 43.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Marks
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marr
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Nott
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Corser	Mr. Parsons
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Forde	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Grosvenor Francis	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Gardner	Sir Granville Ryrie
Sir John Gellibrand	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. West
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Yates
Mr. Hill	
Sir Neville Howse	
Mr. Hurry	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Bell
Mr. Killen	Mr. Hunter

Noes, 12.

Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Watt
Mr. R. W. Foster	
Mr. Gullett	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Makin
Mr. Rodgers	Mr. Parker Moloney

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause 3 debated and agreed to.

Clause 4 agreed to.

Schedule debated and agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Hill (Minister for Works and Railways) the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having been previously suspended, see page {246}) the Bill was read a third time.

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3. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 2).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

[See Customs Tariff Amendment (No. 2), which incorporates the proposed Resolution of 8th July, 1926 (page 220).]

Item numbered 229, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
229. By omitting the whole of sub-item (c) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(c) Petroleum and Shale, viz. :—Naphtha, Benzine, Benzoline, Gasoline, Pentane, Petrol, Turpentine Substitutes, and other Petroleum or Shale Spirit . . . . . per gallon	2½d.	3d.	3d.”

Mr. Pratten (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the Item be amended by adding the following :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“ And on and after 11th August, 1926			
(c) (1) Petroleum and Shale, viz. :—Naphtha, Benzine, Benzoline, Gasoline, Pentane, Petrol, and other Petroleum or Shale Spirit, n.e.i. . . . . per gallon	2½d.	3d.	3d.
(2) Petroleum and Shale, viz. :—Naphtha, Benzine, Benzoline, Gasoline, Pentane, Petrol, and other Petroleum or Shale Spirit, for purposes other than for use in motor driven vehicles, cycles, tractors, road rollers and similar appliances using public roads, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws . . . . . per gallon	½d.	1d.	1d.
(3) Turpentine Substitutes . . . . . per gallon	½d.	1d.	1d.”

Debate ensued..

A Division having been called for—

Ordered—That the amendment be put by paragraphs.

Question—That the amendment to the end of paragraph (c) (1) be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bell	Mr. Marks
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marr
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Nott
Mr. Corser	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Parsons
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Grosvenor Francis	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Edward Riley
Sir John Gellibrand	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Gibson	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Watkins
Sir Neville Howse	Mr. West
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Yates
Mr. Hurry	
Mr. Jackson	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Killen	Mr. Aubrey Abbott
Mr. Lister	Mr. Hunter

Noes, 18.

Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Forde	Mr. Stewart
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. Gullett	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Mann	Mr. Makin
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Parker Moloney

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Paragraphs (c) (2) and (c) (3) agreed to.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Items numbered 333 and 359 omitted.

Motion, as amended, agreed to.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Pratten moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.

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Question—put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Pratten, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Pratten and Mr. Bruce do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Pratten then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Customs,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Pratten moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Pratten, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

4. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate:—

[*Canned Fruits Export Control Bill*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

*Message No. 55.*

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act relating to the Export of Canned Fruits and for other purposes,*” and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 10th August, 1926.

JOHN NEWLANDS,  
President.

[*Canned Fruits Export Charges Bill*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

*Message No. 56.*

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to impose Charges upon the Export of Canned Fruits,*” and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 10th August, 1926.

JOHN NEWLANDS,  
President.

[*Invalid and Old-age Pensions Appropriation Bill (1926)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

*Message No. 57.*

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for Invalid and Old-age Pensions,*” and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 10th August, 1926.

JOHN NEWLANDS,  
President.

[*War Pensions Appropriation Bill (1926)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

*Message No. 58.*

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for War Pensions,*” and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 10th August, 1926.

JOHN NEWLANDS,  
President.

[*Invalid and Old-age Pensions Bill (1926)*]

MR. SPEAKER,

*Message No. 59.*

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend sections sixteen and twenty-one of the ‘Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act 1908-1925,’*” and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 10th August, 1926.

JOHN NEWLANDS,  
President.

5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No 3 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 4.

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6. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES 1926-27.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Vote—"The Attorney-General's Department, £130,265"—agreed to.  
 Vote—"The Home and Territories Department, £290,000"—agreed to.  
 Vote—"The Department of Defence, £3,800,000"—debated and agreed to.  
 Vote—"Special Defence Provision to cover Developmental Programme, £1,000,000"—agreed to.  
 Vote—"The Department of Trade and Customs, £909,229"—debated.  
 Mr. Mann moved, That the amount be reduced by £1.  
 Debate continued.  
 Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.  
 Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, that the House, at its rising, adjourn until eleven o'clock a.m. to-morrow.  
 Question—put and passed.

8. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—  
 Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—  
 Ordinance of 1926—No. 18—Crown Lands.

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

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—  
 Mr. Anstey, Mr. Gregory, Sir Elliot Johnson, Mr. Lacey, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Latham, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Ley, Mr. Mahony, Mr. Manning, Mr. Prowse, and Mr. Thompson.

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