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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

No. 158.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 23RD MARCH, 1928.

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. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Audit Act—Transfers of amounts approved by the Governor-General in Council—Financial Year 1927-28—Dated 14th March, 1928.
3. AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE EXCHANGE AT BOX HILL, VICTORIA—APPROVAL OF WORK.—Mr. Hill (Minister for Works and Railways) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-21*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work, which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, and on which the Committee has duly reported to this House the result of its inquiries:—  
Establishment of an Automatic Telephone Exchange at Box Hill, Victoria.  
Question—put and passed.
4. SYDENHAM, NEW SOUTH WALES—ERECTION OF POSTAL WORKSHOPS—APPROVAL OF WORK.—Mr. Hill (Minister for Works and Railways) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-21*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work, which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, and on which the Committee has duly reported to this House the result of its investigations:—Sydenham, New South Wales—Erection of Postal Workshops.  
Question—put and passed.
5. AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE EXCHANGE AT MAROUBRA, NEW SOUTH WALES—APPROVAL OF WORK.—Mr. Hill (Minister for Works and Railways) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-21*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work, which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, and on which the Committee has duly reported to this House the result of its inquiries:—Establishment of an Automatic Telephone Exchange at Maroubra, New South Wales.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.
6. AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE EXCHANGE AT OAKLEIGH, VICTORIA—APPROVAL OF WORK.—Mr. Hill (Minister for Works and Railways) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-21*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work, which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, and on which the Committee has duly reported to this House the result of its inquiries:—  
Establishment of an Automatic Telephone Exchange at Oakleigh, Victoria.  
Question—put and passed.
7. AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE EXCHANGE AT COTTESLOE, WESTERN AUSTRALIA—APPROVAL OF WORK.—Mr. Hill (Minister for Works and Railways) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-21*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work, which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, and on which the Committee has duly reported to this House the result of its inquiries:—Establishment of an Automatic Telephone Exchange at Cottesloe, Western Australia.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.

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8. COMMONWEALTH OFFICES, BRISBANE—APPROVAL OF WORK.—Mr. Hill (Minister for Works and Railways) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-21*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work, which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, and on which the Committee has duly reported to this House the result of its investigations:—Erection of Commonwealth Offices, Brisbane.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.
9. DRIED FRUITS BILL (1928).—Mr. Thomas Paterson (Minister for Markets) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to Trade and Commerce with other Countries and among the States in certain Dried Fruits.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.
10. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate:—  
[*Excise Tariff Bill (1927)*]—  
MR. SPEAKER, Message No. 117.  
The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act relating to Duties of Excise*,” and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.  
JOHN NEWLANDS,  
The Senate, President.  
Canberra, 23rd March, 1928.
- [*Customs Tariff Validation Bill (1927)*]—  
MR. SPEAKER, Message No. 118.  
The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Customs under Tariff Proposals*,” and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.  
JOHN NEWLANDS,  
The Senate, President.  
Canberra, 23rd March, 1928.
11. WINE EXPORT BOUNTY BILL (1928).—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—  
Debate resumed.  
Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) 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.
12. CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL (1927)—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 (1927).

- No. 1.—Page 3, Item 43, paragraph (1) of sub-item (B), make the duties under the British Preferential Tariff 3d., and under the Intermediate Tariff 3d.
- No. 2.—Page 3, Item 43, paragraph (2) of sub-item (B), make the duties under the British Preferential Tariff 6d., and under the Intermediate Tariff 6d.
- No. 3.—Page 3, Item 43, paragraph (3) of sub-item (B), make the duties under the British Preferential Tariff 6d., and under the Intermediate Tariff 6d.
- No. 4.—Page 3, Item 43, leave out the words “The articles specified in paragraph (1) of sub-item (B) being the produce of any part of the British Empire shall be admitted under the British Preferential Tariff.”
- No. 5.—Page 4, Item 105, insert after sub-item (E) the following:—“By omitting paragraph (1) of sub-item (F) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph:—

	British- Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
(I) Piece goods, woollen, or containing wool, (but not including flannel) ordinarily used in the manufacture of outer clothing for human wear and weighing more than six ounces per square yard per square yard and ad val.	1s. 30 per cent.	1s. 6d. 40 per cent.	2s. 45 per cent.’’

No. 6.—Page 5, Item 112, add, after sub-item (A), the following :—“ 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) (1) Fur and other Skins n.e.i. (except rabbit skins), dressed or prepared for making up - ad val.	15 per cent.	15 per cent.	20 per cent.
(2) Rabbit Skins dressed or prepared for making up - ad val.	25 per cent.	35 per cent.	40 per cent.’ ”

No. 7.—Page 8, Item 208, make sub-item (c) read as follows :—

“(c) Single Lever Mortice Locks and Single Lever Mortice Lock Sets - ad val.	45 per cent.	50 per cent.	60 per cent.’ ”
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No. 8.—Page 8, Item 208, add at the end of the item :—“ By adding a new sub-item (E) as follows :—

“(E) Barrel and Socket Bolts - ad val.	45 per cent.	60 per cent.	65 per cent.’ ”
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No. 9.—Page 11, Item 359, make sub-item (D) (4) read as follows :—

“(4) Chassis, but not including Rubber Tyres, Storage Batteries, Shock Absorbers, Bumper Bars, or Sparking Plugs—			
(a) unassembled - ad val.	Free	12½ per cent.	17½ per cent.
(b) assembled - ad val.	5 per cent.	20 per cent.	25 per cent.’ ”

*Resolved*, on the motion of Mr. Latham (Attorney General)—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 Amendment No. 1 debated and agreed to.

Requested Amendments Nos. 2, 3, and 4 agreed to.

Requested Amendment No. 5 debated.

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.

13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at ten 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. Blakeley, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Donald Cameron, Mr. Fenton, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Mann, Mr. Marr, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Pratten, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Watt, and Mr. West.

E. W. PARKES,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*