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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

No. 196.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 6TH SEPTEMBER, 1928.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Sir Littleton Groom) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. RETURN TO WRIT (WIDE BAY DIVISION).—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a Return to the Writ which he had issued on the 17th August last for the Election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Wide Bay, in the State of Queensland, in the place of Edward Bernard Cresset Corser, deceased, and that by the indorsement on the Writ it appeared that Bernard Henry Corser had been elected in pursuance of the said Writ.
3. THE LATE SENATOR JOHN GRANT.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received from Mrs. Grant, widow of the late Senator John Grant, a letter thanking the House for its resolution of sympathy.
4. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (MR. MALCOLM CAMERON).—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Barker (Mr. Malcolm Cameron) on the ground of ill-health.  
Question—put and passed.
5. LOAN BILL (No. 2) (1928).—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.)*

Schedule—

Appropriation—"Prime Minister's Department, £250,000"—further debated—

Question—That the portion of the Appropriation, viz. :—"Immigration—Advances of passage money, landing money, and medical fees of assisted immigrants, £225,000", be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 35.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Killen
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Latham
Mr. Bell	Mr. Ley
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mann
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marr
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Parsons
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Perkins
Sir John Gellibrand	Mr. Graham Pratten
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Hill	
Sir Neville Howse	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hurry	Mr. Hunter
Sir Elliot Johnson	Mr. Manning

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Mr. Anstey	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Theodore
Mr. Forde	Mr. West
Mr. Makin	Mr. Yates
Mr. W. Maloney	
Mr. Mathews	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Edward Riley	Mr. Albert Green

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Remainder of Appropriation agreed to.  
 Appropriation—"Department of the Treasury, £575,000"—agreed to.  
 Appropriation—"Home and Territories Department, £648,500"—agreed to.  
 Appropriation—"Department of Defence, £206,850"—agreed to.  
 Appropriation—"Department of Trade and Customs, £30,365"—agreed to.  
 Appropriation—"Department of Works and Railways, £984,000"—debated and agreed to.  
 Appropriation—"Postmaster-General's Department, £2,858,500"—debated and agreed to.  
 Appropriation—"Department of Health, £15,900"—agreed to.  
 Appropriation—"Department of Markets, £190,910"—agreed to.  
 Appropriation—"Federal Capital Commission, £3,000,000"—agreed to.  
 Appropriation—"North Australia Commission, £122,900"—debated and agreed to.  
 Appropriation—"Redemptions—Port Augusta—Oodnadatta Railway Loans, £355"—agreed to.  
 Title agreed to.  
 Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Makin reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1928-29.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 148.

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-nine for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., and to appropriate such sum*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

JOHN NEWLANDS,  
 President.

The Senate,  
 Canberra, 6th September, 1928.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—TASMANIA GRANT BILL (1928).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General's Deputy was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. P. CULLEN,

Deputy of the Governor-General.

Message No. 116.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Deputy of the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the purpose of Financial Assistance to the State of Tasmania.

Sydney, 29th August, 1928.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, at a later hour this day.

8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 2 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 3, Government Business.
9. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 7).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Bruce (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved—

That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1921-1928 be amended as hereunder set out, and that on and after the seventh day of September, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Territory for the Seat of Government, Duties of Customs be collected in pursuance of the Customs Tariff as so amended.

That, excepting by mutual agreement or until after six months' notice has been given to the Government of the Dominion of New Zealand, nothing in this Resolution shall affect any goods the produce or manufacture of the Dominion of New Zealand entering the Commonwealth of Australia from the Dominion of New Zealand.

#### IMPORT DUTIES.

DIVISION X.—WOOD, WICKER, AND CANE.

291. That Item 291 be amended by inserting the words "(*Sequoia Sempervirens*)" after the word "Redwood" (wherever occurring).

Debate ensued.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Makin reported accordingly.

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

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10. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 6).—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

The motion moved on 24th April last (see page 536), and the amendment proposed on 14th June last (see page 619) were further considered, viz. :—

That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1921–1928 be amended as hereunder set out, and that on and after the Twenty-fifth day of April, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Territory for the Seat of Government, Duties of Customs be collected in pursuance of the Customs Tariff as so amended.

That, excepting by mutual agreement or until after six months' notice has been given to the Government of the Dominion of New Zealand, nothing in this Resolution shall affect any goods the produce or manufacture of the Dominion of New Zealand entering the Commonwealth of Australia from the Dominion of New Zealand.

IMPORT DUTIES.

Tariff Item.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
DIVISION XI.—JEWELLERY AND FANCY GOODS.			
320. By omitting clause (b) of paragraph (2) of sub-item (c) and inserting in its stead the following clause :—			
“(b) Other - - - - - per lineal foot	Free	1d.	2d.
And on and after 15th June, 1928			
(b) Other - - - - - per lineal foot	Free	1d.	1½d.”

Amendment agreed to.

Question—That the motion, as amended, be agreed to—put and passed.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Makin reported accordingly.

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

Mr. Bruce (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the

Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

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

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

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

Debate ensued.

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. Makin reported accordingly.

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

11. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 7).—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

The following motion (see page 640) was further considered :—

That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1921–1928 be amended as hereunder set out, and that on and after the seventh day of September, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Territory for the Seat of Government, Duties of Customs be collected in pursuance of the Customs Tariff as so amended.

That, excepting by mutual agreement or until after six months' notice has been given to the Government of the Dominion of New Zealand, nothing in this Resolution shall affect any goods the produce or manufacture of the Dominion of New Zealand entering the Commonwealth of Australia from the Dominion of New Zealand.

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Question—That the motion be agreed to—put and passed.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Makin reported accordingly.

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

Mr. Bruce (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

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

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

Mr. Bruce 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. Bruce 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. Makin reported accordingly.

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

12. TASMANIA GRANT BILL (1928).—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of Message No. 116 from His Excellency the Governor-General's Deputy—

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

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the purpose of Financial Assistance to the State of Tasmania.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Makin reported accordingly.

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

Question—put and passed.

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

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

Mr. Earle Page then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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

Mr. Scullin 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.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at six minutes past 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. Malcolm Cameron\*, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Grosvenor Francis, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Lacey, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Marks, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Nott, Mr. Thomas Paterson, Mr. Prowse, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Watt.

\* On leave.

E. W. PARKES,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*