

1929.  
(SECOND SESSION.)

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 13.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH DECEMBER, 1929.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Norman J. O. Makin) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until eleven o'clock a.m. to-morrow.  
Question—put and passed.
3. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 70.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That Standing Order No. 70 (eleven o'clock rule) be suspended until the end of this month.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.
4. PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That Government Business shall take precedence over General Business to-morrow.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.
5. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—MAYLANDS, WESTERN AUSTRALIA—AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE EXCHANGE.—Mr. Lyons (Minister for Works and Railways) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1921*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report :—Maylands, Western Australia—Establishment of Automatic Telephone Exchange.  
Mr. Lyons having laid on the Table plans, &c., in connexion with the proposed work—  
Debate ensued.  
*Member named.*—Mr. Speaker named the honorable Member for Wide Bay (Mr. Bernard Corsier) for disregarding the authority of the Chair.  
Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) having addressed the House, and Mr. Bernard Corsier having expressed his regret, the matter was not further proceeded with.  
Debate continued.  
Question—put and passed.
6. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—HAWTHORN, VICTORIA—AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE EXCHANGE.—Mr. Lyons (Minister for Works and Railways) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1921*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report :—Hawthorn, Victoria—Establishment of Automatic Telephone Exchange.  
Mr. Lyons having laid on the Table plans, &c., in connexion with the proposed work—  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.

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7. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—NORTH SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES—AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE EXCHANGE.—Mr. Lyons (Minister for Works and Railways) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1921*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report :—North Sydney, New South Wales—Establishment of Automatic Telephone Exchange.  
Mr. Lyons having laid on the Table plans, &c., in connexion with the proposed work—  
Question—put and passed.
8. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—ERECTION OF COTTAGES, CANBERRA.—Mr. Blakeley (Minister for Home Affairs) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1921*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report, viz. :—The erection of Cottages in Canberra.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.
9. LOAN BILL (1929).—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 6—  
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Theodore (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of certain Sums of Money.  
Question—put and passed.  
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.  
Mr. Theodore 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. Theodore, was adopted by the House.  
Ordered—That Mr. Theodore and Mr. Lyons do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.  
Mr. Theodore 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. Theodore 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.)

Clauses 1 to 5 agreed to.  
Schedule—  
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

- The House resumed ; Mr. Crouch reported accordingly.  
Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
10. IRON AND STEEL PRODUCTS BOUNTY BILL (1929).—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 7—  
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Forde (Acting Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Iron and Steel Products Bounty Act 1922-1927*.  
Debate ensued.  
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.  
Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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11. SUPPLY [BUDGET DEBATE].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

General debate resumed on the question (see page 11), That the first item in the Estimates under Division I.—The Parliament—namely—

The President .. .. . £1,300

be agreed to, and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Latham, That the item be reduced by £1. Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

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

12. 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.)

Mr. Forde (Acting Minister for Trade and Customs) moved—

That the Schedule to the Customs Tariff 1921-1928 as proposed to be amended by the Resolution proposed by the Minister for Trade and Customs on the twenty-first day of November, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine, be further amended as hereunder set out, and that on and after the twelfth day of December, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine, 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 Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
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DIVISION I.—ALE, SPIRITS, AND BEVERAGES.

3. By omitting the whole of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(A) Brandy— (1) When not exceeding the strength of proof (a) If bottled in the Commonwealth under Customs supervision - per gallon (b) If not bottled in the Commonwealth under Customs supervision - per gallon (2) When exceeding the strength of proof— (a) If bottled in the Commonwealth under Customs supervision - per proof gallon (b) If not bottled in the Commonwealth under Customs supervision per proof gallon	45s. 50s. 45s. 50s.	45s. 50s. 45s. 50s.	46s. 51s. 46s. 51s.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(B) Whisky, including Liqueur Whisky— (1) When not exceeding the strength of proof— (a) If bottled in the Commonwealth under Customs supervision per gallon (b) If not bottled in the Commonwealth under Customs supervision per gallon (2) When exceeding the strength of proof— (a) If bottled in the Commonwealth under Customs supervision per proof gallon (b) If not bottled in the Commonwealth under Customs supervision per proof gallon	45s. 50s. 45s. 50s.	47s. 52s. 47s. 52s.	48s. 53s. 48s. 53s.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (C) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(C) Gin, distilled wholly from barley malt, grain, grape wine or fruit, and certified in the prescribed form by the competent Government official in the country of production to be Gin, distilled wholly from barley malt, grain, grape wine or fruit— (1) When not exceeding the strength of proof— (a) If bottled in the Commonwealth under Customs supervision per gallon (b) If not bottled in the Commonwealth under Customs supervision per gallon	45s. 50s.	46s. 51s.	47s. 52s.

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IMPORT DUTIES—*continued.*

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
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Division I.—Ale, Spirits, and Beverages.—*continued.*3. Spirits, &c.—*continued.*(c)—*continued.*

(2) When exceeding the strength of proof— (a) If bottled in the Commonwealth under Customs supervision per proof gallon	45s.	46s.	47s.
(b) If not bottled in the Commonwealth under Customs supervision per proof gallon	50s.	51s.	52s."
By adding after sub-item (c) a new sub-item (cc) as follows :— “(cc) Liqueurs and Bitters— (1) When not exceeding the strength of proof per gallon	45s.	46s.	47s.
(2) When exceeding the strength of proof per proof gallon	45s.	46s.	47s."

## DIVISION IV.—AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND GROCERIES.

## 80. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :—

“ 80. Onions, in their natural state . . . per ton	£8	£8	£8.”
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## DIVISION V.—TEXTILES, FELTS AND FURS, AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND ATTIRE.

## 110. By adding a new sub-item (B) as follows :—

“(B) Neck Ties for human wear . . . per dozen or ad val.	6s. 60 per cent.	7s. 65 per cent.	7s. 6d. 75 per cent.
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whichever rate returns the higher duty.”

## 114. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :—

## “ 114. Hats, Caps, and Bonnets—

(A) Firemen's Helmets and Miners' Hats ad val.	Free	Free	10 per cent.
(B) Wool Felt Hats n.e.i. in any stage of manufacture including wool felt hoods n.e.i. per dozen or ad val.	30s. 45 per cent.	40s. 55 per cent.	50s. 60 per cent.
whichever rate returns the higher duty.			
(C) Fur Felt Hats n.e.i. in any stage of manufacture including fur felt hoods n.e.i. per dozen or ad val.	48s. 45 per cent.	60s. 55 per cent.	72s. 60 per cent.
whichever rate returns the higher duty.			
(D) Caps and Sewn Hats, n.e.i. per dozen and ad val.	15s. 35 per cent.	16s. 40 per cent.	17s. 45 per cent.
(E) Wool Felt Hoods for girls' and women's hats per dozen or ad val.	20s. 35 per cent.	25s. 40 per cent.	30s. 45 per cent.
whichever rate returns the higher duty.			
(F) Felt hats and felt capelines for women and girls, Fur felt hoods for women's and girls' hats, Hoods n.e.i.; Berets, Women's and Girls' caps (other than bathing) of any material; Hats and Bonnets n.e.i. per dozen or ad val.	45s. 45 per cent.	50s. 55 per cent.	60s. 60 per cent.
whichever rate returns the higher duty.			

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IMPORT DUTIES—*continued.*

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff
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**Division V.—Textiles, Felts and Furs, and Manufactures thereof, and Attire—*continued.***

114.—Hats, Caps, and Bonnets—*continued.*

(c) Handwoven or handplaited hoods of hemp vegetable fibre paper or similar materials, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws ad val.	35 per cent.	40 per cent.	45 per cent.
(ii) Bathing Hats and Bathing Caps of rubber or other material - per dozen or ad val.	12s. 35 per cent.	14s. 40 per cent.	16s. 45 per cent.
whichever rate returns the higher duty."			

**DIVISION VI.—METALS AND MACHINERY.**

170. By omitting the whole of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— " (A) (1) Earth and Rock Cutting, Dredging, and Excavating machinery, n.e.i. - ad val.	27½ per cent.	35 per cent.	40 per cent.
(2) Dredging and Excavating Machinery of dragline, shovel, grab, and similar types - ad val.	45 per cent.	55 per cent.	60 per cent."
176. By adding a new sub-item (I) as follows :— " (I) (1) Pumps of the type used for vending petrol each or ad val.	£25 60 per cent.	£30 75 per cent.	£30 75 per cent.
whichever rate returns the higher duty			
(2) Mechanical Pumping Units for pumps of the type used for vending petrol - each or ad val.	£25 60 per cent.	£30 75 per cent.	£30 75 per cent.
whichever rate returns the higher duty."			
178. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— " 178. Motive Power Machinery and Appliances (except Electric), viz. :— (A) Flue-heated Economizers; Steam Traps; Corrugated Cylinders for Boilers, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws	Free	5 per cent.	10 per cent.
(b) Carburettors - each	£3	£3	£3
(c) N.E.I. - ad val.	45 per cent.	55 per cent.	60 per cent."
79. By omitting the whole of sub-item (b) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— " (b) Electric Fittings consisting wholly or partly of metal, viz. :—Switches, Fuses, and Lightning Arresters, n.e.i. - ad val.	65 per cent.	70 per cent.	75 per cent."
By omitting the whole of sub-item (c) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— " (c) Regulating, Starting, and Controlling Apparatus, for all electrical purposes, including Distributing Boards and Switchboards, n.e.i. - ad val.	65 per cent.	70 per cent.	75 per cent."
By omitting the whole of paragraphs (1) and (2) of sub-item (b) and inserting in their stead the following paragraphs :— " (1) Dynamo Electric Machines— (a) Alternating Current Motors 1 horse power to 125 horse power both inclusive - each and in addition—per horse power or the following rates if same return a higher duty - ad val.	£5 15s. 45 per cent.	£5 15s. 55 per cent.	£5 15s. 60 per cent.
For the purposes of clause (a) horse power shall be determined as prescribed by Departmental By-laws.			
(b) N.E.I. - ad val.	45 per cent.	55 per cent.	60 per cent.

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IMPORT DUTIES—*continued.*

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
<b>Division VI.—Metals and Machinery—<i>continued.</i></b>			
179. Electrical Machines and Appliances— <i>continued.</i>			
(D) <i>Continued</i> —			
(2) Static Transformers—			
(a) Up to and including 25 k.v.a. per k.v.a.	50s.	50s.	50s.
(b) Exceeding 25 k.v.a. but not exceeding 150 k.v.a. per k.v.a.	25s.	25s.	25s.
(c) Exceeding 150 k.v.a. but not exceeding 500 k.v.a. per k.v.a.	15s.	15s.	15s.
or as to the goods covered by clauses (a) (b) and (c) the following rates if same return a higher duty - ad val.	60 per cent.	70 per cent.	75 per cent.
(d) N.E.I. including Induction Coils for all purposes unless otherwise expressly provided for - ad val.	60 per cent.	70 per cent.	75 per cent."
By adding a new paragraph (4) to sub-item (D) as follows:—			
"(4) Electric Current Rectifiers - - ad val.	45 per cent.	55 per cent.	60 per cent."
By adding a new sub-item (F) as follows:—			
"(F) Ironclad or moulded Fuses, Ironclad or moulded Switches, Ironclad or moulded Airbreak Switches and Fuses combined—			
(1) Up to and including 60 amperes each or ad val. whichever rate returns the higher duty	8s. 65 per cent.	9s. 70 per cent.	10s. 75 per cent.
(2) Over 60 amperes ad val.	65 per cent.	70 per cent.	75 per cent."
180. By adding a new sub-item (I) as follows:—			
"(I) Dry Batteries and Dry Cells of all descriptions whether imported separately or incorporated in any article or appliance—			
(1) Up to and including 1 lb. in weight - each	4d.	5d.	6d.
(2) Over 1 lb. in weight per lb.	7d.	9d.	10d."
187. By omitting the whole of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item:—			
"(B) Rail-dogs or Brobs, Spikes - per cwt. or ad val. whichever rate returns the higher duty."	11s. 45 per cent.	14s. 55 per cent.	16s. 60 per cent.
By omitting the whole of sub-item (C) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item:—			
"(C) Brads (including moulders' and glaziers'); Picture Nails; Staples; Tacks n.e.i.; Wire and other Nails n.e.i.; Gimp Pins; Spouting Screws - per cwt. or ad val. whichever rate returns the higher duty."	5s. 6d. 25 per cent.	6s. 6d. 30 per cent.	8s. 35 per cent.
194. By omitting the whole of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item:—			
"(A) Wrought Iron and Steel, composed of welded links, manufactured from metal $\frac{1}{2}$ inch in diameter and over - ad val.	50 per cent.	55 per cent.	60 per cent."
By omitting the whole of sub-item (D) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item:—			
"(D) Chain, n.e.i., not made up into serviceable articles ad val.	50 per cent.	55 per cent.	60 per cent."

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IMPORT DUTIES—continued.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
<b>Division VI.—Metals and Machinery—continued.</b>			
208. By omitting the whole of sub-item (D) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(D) Kitchenware manufactured of wire, tinned plate, or a combination of such materials with handles of any material or without handles; Metal Stove Toasters; Pan or Plate Scrapers; Dish Washers; Soap Racks of metal; Asbestos Mats; Ice Picks per dozen. or ad val. whichever rate returns the higher duty.”	3s. 45 per cent.	3s. 6d. 55 per cent.	4s. 65 per cent.
<b>DIVISION VII.—OILS, PAINTS, AND VARNISHES.</b>			
229. By omitting the whole of sub-item (c) (twice occurring) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(c) (1) Petroleum and Shale, viz. :—Naphtha, Benzine, Benzoline, Gasoline, Pentane, Petrol, and other Petroleum or Shale Spirit, n.e.i. per gallon (2) Once-run distillate from Crude Petroleum and Crude Petroleum enriched with a distillate from Crude Petroleum, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws—on the petrol* content . . . . . per gallon * Petrol in this item shall include any petroleum distillate having a flashpoint of under 73 degrees Fahrenheit when tested in an Abel Pensky closed test apparatus (3) Turpentine Substitutes . . . . . per gallon And on and after 1st May, 1930 (c) (1) Petroleum and Shale, viz. :—Naphtha, Benzine, Benzoline, Gasoline, Pentane, Petrol, and other Petroleum or Shale Spirit, n.e.i. (a) In containers of any description per gallon (b) Otherwise . . . . . per gallon (2) Once-run distillate from Crude Petroleum and Crude Petroleum enriched with a distillate from Crude Petroleum, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws—on the petrol* content . . . . . per gallon *Petrol in this item shall include any petroleum distillate having a flashpoint of under 73 degrees Fahrenheit when tested in an Abel Pensky closed test apparatus (3) Turpentine Substitutes . . . . . per gallon 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 Cooking and Fish-frying Oils . . . . . per gallon (2) Olive Oil n.e.i. . . . . per gallon (3) Olive Oil for use in the production of dried fruits or for other purposes, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws . . . . .	4d. 2d. ½d. 5½d. 4d. 2d. ½d. 3s. 2s.	4d. 2d. 1d. 5½d. 4d. 2d. 1d. 3s. 6d. 2s. 6d. Free	4d. 2d. 1d. 5½d. 4d. 2d. 1d.” 4s. 3s. Free.”
<b>DIVISION VIII.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS, AND STONE.</b>			
237. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “237. (A) China and Parian Ware n.e.i. . . . . - ad val. (B) Porcelain Ware n.e.i. . . . . - ad val.	35 per cent. 35 per cent.	40 per cent. 40 per cent.	60 per cent. 60 per cent.”

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IMPORT DUTIES—*continued.*

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
<b>Division VIII.—Earthenware, Cement, China, Glass, and Stone—<i>continued.</i></b>			
241. By omitting the whole of sub-item (B) (twice occurring) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(B) Earthenware, Brownware, and Stoneware, including Glazed or Enamelled Fireclay Manufactures, n.e.i. and all kinds of porous Insulating Blocks ad val.	35 per cent.	40 per cent.	60 per cent.”
<b>DIVISION X.—WOOD, WICKER, AND CANE.</b>			
291. By omitting the whole of sub-item (M) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(M) Plywood including Plywood veneered with any material :— (1) Not exceeding three-sixteenths of an inch in thickness per 100 square feet or ad val. whichever rate returns the higher duty. (2) Exceeding three-sixteenths of an inch in thickness but not exceeding seven-eighths of an inch in thickness per 100 square feet with an additional duty for each one-sixteenth of an inch in thickness in excess of three-sixteenths of an inch per 100 square feet or, as an alternative to the cumulative fixed rates provided above ad val. whichever rate returns the higher duty (3) N.E.I. - - - - - ad val.	6s. 50 per cent.	6s. 55 per cent.	7s. 65 per cent.
By omitting the whole of sub-item (N) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(N) Veneers - - - - - ad val.	50 per cent.	55 per cent.	65 per cent.”
<b>DIVISION XI.—JEWELLERY AND FANCY GOODS.</b>			
319. By adding a new sub-item (c) as follows :— “(c) Needles for Gramaphones, Phonographs and other Talking Machines - - - - - ad val.	25 per cent.	30 per cent.	35 per cent.”
<b>DIVISION XVI.—MISCELLANEOUS.</b>			
394. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “394. (A) Granulated Cork for fruit packing as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - - (B) Granulated Cork, n.e.i. - - - - - ad val. (C) Compressed Corkboard— (1) Up to and including one inch in thickness per square foot (2) Over one inch in thickness per super. foot (D) Cork manufactures, n.e.i. - - - - - ad val.	Free 15 per cent.	Free 20 per cent.	Free 20 per cent.
By adding a new Item 433 as follows :— “433. Wool Tops - - - - - per lb. and ad val.	9d. 20 per cent.	9d. 20 per cent.	9d. 20 per cent.”

Debate ensued.

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

The House resumed; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

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

13. SUPPLY [BUDGET DEBATE].—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

General debate resumed on the question (see page 11), That the first item in the Estimates under Division I.—The Parliament—namely—

The President . . . . . £1,300

be agreed to, and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Latham, That the item be reduced by £1.

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

The House resumed; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

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



11th December, 1929.

14. **BANKRUPTCY BILL (1929).**—Mr. Brennan (Attorney-General) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Bankruptcy Act 1924–1928*, and for other purposes.  
 Question—put and passed.  
 Mr. Brennan 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. Brennan moved, by leave, 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.)

Clauses 1 to 6 agreed to.

Clause 7—

On the motion of Mr. Brennan, the following amendments were made :—

Page 2, line 41, after “Registrar” insert “ in Bankruptcy or by any person purporting, in pursuance of any authority or appointment, to act as such Registrar ”.

At the end of the clause add “ and any appointment of a person as Registrar in Bankruptcy made or purporting to have been made under the Principal Act shall be, and be deemed to have been, as valid and effectual as if it had been made under that Act as amended by this Act ”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 8 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.

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

15. **PAPERS.**—Mr. Speaker presented—

Audit Act—Special Report of the Auditor-General concerning the Internal Check of the Customs Department.

The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—

Customs Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1929, No. 127.

16. **SUPPLY [BUDGET DEBATE].**—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

General debate resumed on the question (*see page 11*), That the first item in the Estimates under Division I.—The Parliament—namely—

The President .. .. . £1,300

be agreed to, and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Latham, That the item be reduced by £1.

Question—That the item proposed to be reduced be so reduced—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 13.

Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. White
Mr. Gregory	
Mr. Hawker	
Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Latham	Mr. Josiah Francis
Mr. Morgan	Mr. Gardner

Noes, 32.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Lewis
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Long
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lyons
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Martens
Mr. Coleman	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Cusack	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Eldridge	Mr. Theodore
Mr. Forde	Mr. Tully
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Gibbons	Mr. West
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Jones	Mr. Price
Mr. Keane	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Lacey	

And so it was negatived.

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The Committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

THURSDAY, 12TH DECEMBER, 1929.

First Item agreed to.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

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

17. PRINTING COMMITTEE—MEMBERS DISCHARGED FROM ATTENDANCE.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That Mr. Chifley and Mr. Holloway be discharged from attendance on the Printing Committee.

Question—put and passed.

18. HOUSE COMMITTEE—MEMBERS DISCHARGED FROM ATTENDANCE.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That Mr. Bell and Mr. Gabb be discharged from attendance on the House Committee.

Question—put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at ten minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at eleven o'clock a.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bayley, Mr. Culley, Mr. Fenton, Mr. Gullett, Mr. Guy, Mr. Killen\*, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Marks, Mr. Mathews, Mr. Parkhill, and Mr. Rowe.

\* On leave.

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E. W. PARKES,  
Clerk of the House of Representatives.