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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 19.

THURSDAY, 20TH MARCH, 1930.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Norman J. O. Makin) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Roland Green rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The practice of the Repatriation Commission in impeding the hearing of appeals against the decisions of the Commission".  
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—  
Mr. Roland Green moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and negatived.
3. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Australian Customs Tariff—Memorandum, by the British Board of Trade, on recent increases in Customs Duties.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.  
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Navigation Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1930, Nos. 16, 17, 18.  
Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance of 1930—No. 1—Mining.
4. LEAGUE OF NATIONS—TENTH ASSEMBLY—REPORT OF AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION—PRINTING OF PAPER.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) laid upon the Table, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, the Report of the Australian Delegation to the Tenth Assembly of the League of Nations (2nd September to 26th September, 1929), and moved, That the Paper be printed.  
Mr. Donald Cameron 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.
5. LAND TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1930).—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—

Ordered—That the clause be considered by paragraphs.

Clause to end of paragraph (a) debated—

Mr. Nairn moved, as an amendment, That the word "thereon" (page 2, line 10) be omitted with a view to the insertion of the words "thereof or appertaining thereto" in place thereof.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause to end of paragraph (a) agreed to.

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Remainder of clause—

Mr. Earle Page moved, as an amendment, That the following proviso be added to the clause:—

“ Provided however that in respect of land purchased by the owner which at the time he so purchased it was infested with noxious vegetable growths such as prickly pear, bracken, blackberry, lantana, nooghooora burr and such other vegetable growth as may be proclaimed, rendering necessary, for effective use of the land, the carrying out of work and the expenditure of money in the eradication or destruction of the same, the added value which the improvements so made give to the land shall (subject to the first proviso to this definition) be taken into consideration in ascertaining the value of improvements for the purpose of determining the unimproved value of the land.”

Debate continued.

Question—That the proviso proposed to be added be so added—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 21.		Noes, 39.	
Mr. Bell	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Anstey	Mr. Lewis
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Long
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Lyons
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Chifley	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Coleman	Mr. Martens
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Culley	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. White	Mr. Curtin	Mr. McTiernan
Mr. Gregory		Mr. Cusack	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Gullett	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Eldridge	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Hill		Mr. Forde	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Latham	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Frost	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Mackay	Mr. Hunter	Mr. Gibbons	Mr. Theodore
		Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Tully
		Mr. Guy	Mr. Watkins
		Mr. Holloway	Mr. West
		Mr. Hughes	Mr. Yates
		Mr. James	
		Mr. Jones	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Keane	
		Mr. Lacey	Mr. Price
		Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. E. C. Riley

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the remainder of the clause be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 38.		Noes, 21.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. Lewis	Mr. Bell	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Long	Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Lyons	Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Chifley	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Martens	Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Culley	Mr. McNeill	Mr. Gardner	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Curtin	Mr. McTiernan	Mr. Roland Green	Mr. White
Mr. Cusack	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Gregory	
Mr. Eldridge	Mr. Edward Riley	Mr. Gullett	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Forde	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Hill	
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Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Tully		
Mr. Guy	Mr. Watkins		
Mr. Holloway	Mr. West		
Mr. James	Mr. Yates		
Mr. Jones			
Mr. Keane	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Lacey	Mr. Price		
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. E. C. Riley		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 3 debated and agreed to.

Clause 4 debated and agreed to.

Clause 5 debated and agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed: Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

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

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6. CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL (1930).—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.  
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. Prowse reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Mr. Forde (Acting Minister for Trade and Customs), the House adopted the Report, and, (the Standing Orders have previously been suspended, *see* page 95) the Bill was read a third time.

7. CUSTOMS BILL (1930).—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.  
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.)

Clause 1 agreed to.  
Clause 2 debated and agreed to.  
Clause 3—  
On the motion of Mr. Forde (Acting Minister for Trade and Customs), the following amendment was made:—

At the end of the clause add the following proviso:—

“ Provided that, notwithstanding anything contained in this section, the amendment made by this Act shall not apply so as to affect proceedings, No. 5353 of 1929, commenced in the Supreme Court of New South Wales.”

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Mr. Forde, the House, by leave, adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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

And then the House, at ten minutes past nine 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. Brennan, Mr. Crouch, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Fenton, Mr. Gabb, Mr. Hawker, Mr. Killen, Mr. Mathews, Mr. Morgan, and Mr. Rowe.

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