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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 67.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH JULY, 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 offered Prayers.
2. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—APPOINTMENT OF TREASURER (MR. SCULLIN).—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister), by leave, announced to the House that he had this day been sworn in by His Excellency the Governor-General as Treasurer of the Commonwealth, in place of Mr. Theodore (resigned).
3. 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.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—
STONEHAVEN,
Governor-General. *Message No. 35.*
A proposed Law intituled "*Cotton Industries Bounty Act 1930*," as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Law.
Admiralty House,
North Sydney, 8th July, 1930.
5. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION 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 13 further considered and agreed to.
Clauses 14 to 16 agreed to.
Clause 17 debated.
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.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ESTIMATES—ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1930-31.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—
STONEHAVEN,
Governor-General. *Message No. 36.*
In accordance with the requirements of Section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.
Sydney, 4th July, 1930.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, to be printed and referred to the Committee of Supply forthwith.
7. SUPPLY [BUDGET STATEMENT].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

9th July, 1930.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Scullin (Treasurer) delivered the Budget Speech, and then moved, That the first item in the Estimates for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., under Division I.—The Department of Defence—namely—

Naval establishments—Machinery and plant £1,500

be 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 a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

8. PAPER.—Mr. Scullin (Treasurer) presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—The Budget, 1930–31—Papers (Preliminary Issue) presented by the Right Honorable J. H. Scullin, P.C., M.P., for the information of honorable Members on the occasion of opening the Budget of 1930–31.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 3 to 11, Government Business, be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 12.
10. WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 5), EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 6), AND PRIMAGE DUTY].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

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

(1) That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1921–1930 as proposed to be amended by the Customs Tariff Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the nineteenth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and thirty, be further amended as hereunder set out, and that on and after the Tenth day of July, One thousand nine hundred and thirty, 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.
DIVISION II.—TOBACCO AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF.			
18. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :—			
“ 18. Tobacco, unmanufactured per lb.	6s. 10d.	6s. 10d.	6s. 10d.”
19. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :—			
“ 19. Tobacco, unmanufactured, entered to be locally manufactured into Tobacco or Cigarettes—to be paid at the time of removal to the factory :—			
(A) Unstemmed per lb.	3s. 6d.	3s. 6d.	3s. 6d.
(B) Stemmed, or partly stemmed, or in strips per lb.	4s.	4s.	4s.”
20. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :—			
“ 20. Tobacco, cut, n.e.i. per lb.	7s. 1d.	7s. 1d.	7s. 1d.”
21. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :—			
“ 21. Tobacco, manufactured, n.e.i., including the weight of tags, labels, and other attachments . . . per lb.	6s. 10d.	6s. 10d.	6s. 10d.”
22. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :—			
“ 22. Cigarettes, including weight of cards and mouth-pieces contained in inside packages; Fine Cut Tobacco suitable for the manufacture of Cigarettes per lb.	15s.	15s.	15s.”
24. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :—			
“ 24. Cigars, including the weight of bands and ribbons per lb.	20s.	20s.	20s.”
DIVISION VI.—METALS AND MACHINERY.			
181. By omitting the whole of paragraph (2) (twice-occurring) of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :—			
“ (2) Valves for Wireless Telegraphy and Telephony ad val.	10 per cent.	15 per cent.	25 per cent.
And on and after 1st January, 1931			

9th July, 1930.

IMPORT DUTIES - continued.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
DIVISION VII.—OILS, PAINTS, AND VARNISHES.			
229. By omitting the whole of sub-item (c) (twice occurring) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“(c) (1) 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	2d.	2d.	2d.
*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			
(2) Turpentine Substitutes per gallon	½d.	1d.	1d.
(3) Petroleum and Shale, viz. :—Naphtha, Benzine, Benzoline, Gasoline, Pentane, Petrol and other Petroleum or Shale Spirit, n.e.i. per gallon	7d.	7d.	7d.
and on and after 1st November, 1930			
(3) 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	8½d.	8½d.	8½d.
(b) Otherwise per gallon	7d.	7d.	7d.”

DIVISION XI.—JEWELLERY AND FANCY GOODS.

320. By omitting clause (b) (twice occurring) of paragraph (2) of sub-item (c) and inserting in its stead the following clause :—			
“(b) Other per lineal foot	Free	3½d.	4d.”

DIVISION XIII.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.

334. By omitting the whole of paragraphs (1) and (2) of sub-item (c) and inserting in their stead the following paragraphs :—			
“(1) News Printing, not glazed mill-glazed or coated, in rolls not less than 10 inches in width or in sheets not less than 20 inches by 25 inches or its equivalent per ton	£.	£4	£4
(2) Printing, n.e.i., (glazed, unglazed, mill-glazed, or coated) not ruled or printed in any way in rolls not less than 10 inches in width or in sheets not less than 20 inches by 25 inches or its equivalent per ton	£1	£4	£4.”

(2) That the Schedule to the *Excise Tariff 1921-1928* as proposed to be amended by the Excise Tariff Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the nineteenth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and thirty, be further amended as hereunder set out, and that on and after the Tenth day of July, One thousand nine hundred and thirty, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Territory for the Seat of Government, Duties of Excise be collected in pursuance of the Excise Tariff as so amended.

EXCISE DUTIES.

Articles.	Rate of Duty.
1. By omitting the whole of Item (1) and inserting in its stead the following item :—	
“1. Beer—	
(A) Ale, Porter, and other Beer, containing not less than 2 per cent. of proof spirit per gallon	2s.
(B) Any other fermented liquors n.e.i. containing not less than 2 per cent. of proof spirit which may by Proclamation be declared dutiable under this item per gallon	2s.”
6. By omitting the whole of sub-item (c) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—	
“(c) Tobacco, fine cut suitable for the manufacture of cigarettes per lb.	7s. 3d.”
8. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :—	
“8. Cigarettes, including the weight of the outer portion of each cigarette :—	
(A) †Hand-made per lb.	7s. 3d.
† HAND-MADE CIGARETTES.—“Hand-made” shall mean that the whole of the operations connected with the filling and completion of cigarettes shall be performed exclusively by hand.	
(B) N.E.I. per lb.	7s. 6d.”
By adding a new item as follows :—	
“11. (A) Petrol, Benzine, Benzol, Benzoline, Gasoline, Naphtha, Pentane, and any Petroleum Shale or Coal Tar distillate having a flash point of under 73 degrees Fahrenheit when tested in an Abel Pensky closed test apparatus per gallon	4d.
(B) Petrol, Benzine, Benzol, Benzoline, Gasoline, Naphtha, Pentane, and any Petroleum Shale or Coal Tar distillate having a flash point of	

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and—

(3) That, in addition to the duties of Customs collected in accordance with the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1921-1930, as proposed to be amended by Tariff Proposals, there be imposed, on and after the Tenth day of July, One thousand nine hundred and thirty, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Territory for the Seat of Government, an ad valorem duty of Customs (in this Resolution referred to as primage duty), at the rate of two and one-half per centum on all goods (whether liable to duty or not liable to duty under that Schedule, or under that Schedule as proposed to be amended by Tariff Proposals) which are entered for home consumption on or after the said Tenth day of July, One thousand nine hundred and thirty, except—

(a) goods covered by Items 368, 370, 371, 372, 373, 400, 401, 409 and 423 of the *Customs Tariff* 1921-1930 as proposed to be amended by Tariff Proposals,

(b) bullion and specie, and radium, and

(c) any other goods which are from time to time excepted from primage duty by Proclamation made by the Governor-General with the advice of the Federal Executive Council and published in the *Gazette*.

That in this Resolution "Tariff Proposals" means the Tariff Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the following dates, namely:—

19th June, 1930; and

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and includes any Tariff Proposals to amend the *Customs Tariff* 1921-1930 which are introduced into the House of Representatives subsequent to the Ninth day of July, One thousand nine hundred and thirty.

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.

11. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION 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 again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 17 further considered—

Mr. Parkhill moved, as an amendment, That the word "repealed" be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof:—"amended by omitting the word 'economic' (first occurring) and the words after 'agreement or award' and inserting in their stead the words 'in relation to employment or unemployment in the industry or industries directly concerned and in other industries'".

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Question—That the clause be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. McGrath, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 39.

Noes, 18.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Lacey	Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Gardner	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Lewis	Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Long	Mr. Gregory	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Martens	Mr. Gullett	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Crouch	Mr. McNeill	Mr. Hill	Mr. White
Mr. Culley	Mr. McTiernan	Mr. Hunter	
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Latham	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Edward Riley	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Josiah Francis
Mr. Cusack	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Eldridge	Mr. Rowe		
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Scullin		
Mr. Forde	Mr. Tully		
Mr. Frost	Mr. Watkins		
Mr. Gabb	Mr. West		
Mr. Gibbons	Mr. Yates		
Mr. Albert Green			
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. James			
Mr. Jones	Mr. Price		
Mr. Keane	Mr. E. C. Riley		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause 18 agreed to.

Clause 19 debated and agreed to.

Clause 20—

On the motion of Mr. Brennan (Attorney-General) the following amendment was made:—

Page 4, line 34, omit "last", insert "third".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 21 and 22 agreed to.

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Clause 23—

On the motion of Mr. Brennan, the following amendment was made, after debate :—

Page 5, lines 10–12, omit paragraph (b) insert the following paragraph :—

“ (b) by adding at the end thereof the following sub-sections :—

‘ (4.) A Conciliation Commissioner or a Conciliation Committee or majority thereof may, if he or it thinks fit, in any proceeding before him or it, at any stage and upon such terms as he or it thinks fit, state a case in writing for the opinion of the Court upon any question of law arising in the proceeding, or any question which by reason of the provisions of section eighteen A or eighteen AA of this Act, may not be determined by a single Judge.

‘ (5.) Subject to this Act the Court shall hear and determine any question stated under the last preceding sub-section, and remit the case with its opinion to the Conciliation Commissioner or Conciliation Committee (as the case may be) and may make such order as to costs as it thinks fit.

‘ (6.) The Conciliation Commissioner, or the Conciliation Committee or a majority thereof (as the case may be) may thereupon make an award not inconsistent with the opinion of the Court, and any award so made shall have the effect of an award of the Court.’ ”

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 24—

On the motion of Mr. Brennan, the following amendment was made :—

Page 5, line 13, after “ repealed ” insert “ and the following section inserted in its stead :—

‘ 33. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, an industrial dispute or an application to vary an award shall not be dealt with by the Court or a Judge thereof, in pursuance of any power conferred upon the Court or Judge by this Act, in any case in which a Conciliation Committee has been appointed in pursuance of an application made under sub-section (2.) of the next succeeding section.’ ”

Reference of disputes in certain cases to Conciliation Committees.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 25 agreed to.

Clause 26—

Mr. Josiah Francis moved, as an amendment, That after “ amended ” (page 5, line 19) the following paragraph be inserted :—

(a) by omitting the words “ One thousand ” in paragraph (c) and inserting in their stead the word “ Twenty ”.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

On the motion of Mr. Brennan, the following amendment was made :—

Page 5, line 19, after “ amended ” insert :—

“ —

(a) by omitting from paragraph (c) the words ‘ One thousand ’ (first occurring) and inserting in their stead the words ‘ One hundred ’ ;

(b) by omitting the proviso to paragraph (c) ; and

(c) ”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to, after debate.

Clause 27 debated and agreed to.

Clause 28 debated and agreed to.

Clause 29 debated and agreed to.

Clause 30 agreed to.

Clause 31—

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.

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

Question—put and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bayley, Mr. Bell, Mr. Coleman*, Mr. Bernard Corser, Mr. Guy, Mr. Hawker, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Killen*, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Mathews*, and Mr. Morgan.

* On leave.

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