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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 141.

TUESDAY, 12TH MAY, 1931.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Norman J. O. Makin) took the Chair, and offered Prayers.
2. PRIVILEGE—NEWSPAPER REFLECTIONS UPON MR. SPEAKER.—Mr. Bayley complained to the House of certain statements in the *South Australian Worker* newspaper as a breach of privilege, and having produced a copy of the paper containing the statements in question and given the name of the publisher thereof, moved, That the comments of the *South Australian Worker* on the actions of the honorable the Speaker and his control of the business of this House are gross and malicious misrepresentations of the facts, and that the editor of the *South Australian Worker* and the publisher, Douglas Henry Bardolph, are guilty of contempt.
Mr. Morgan addressing the House—
Closure.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the question be now put.
Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.
And the question—That the motion be agreed to—was accordingly put, and passed.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Customs Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1931, No. 42.
Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1931, Nos. 48, 49, 50, 51.
Excise Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1931, No. 43.
Naval Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1931, No. 45.
4. NORTHERN TERRITORY (ADMINISTRATION) BILL (1930).—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Report from the Conference with the Managers for the Senate on the Amendments insisted on by the Senate—
Mr. Blakeley (Minister for Home Affairs) moved, That the Report of the Conference be taken into consideration, in conjunction with Senate Message No. 116, in Committee of the Whole.
Question—put and passed.
5. NORTHERN TERRITORY (ADMINISTRATION) BILL (1930).—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration, in Committee of the whole House, of the Senate's Message No. 116—
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 made and insisted on by the Senate (*see Votes and Proceedings, page 470*) and the Report from the Conference with the Managers for the Senate (*see page 605*).

Mr. Blakeley (Minister for Home Affairs) moved, That the Committee does not now insist on disagreeing to the Amendments made and insisted on by the Senate.

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 the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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6. WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 9) AND EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 9)].—
The House, according to order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

[See proposed Resolutions for Customs and Excise Tariff Amendment of the 26th March, 1931 (pages 508-569).]

Item numbered 3, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
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 subject to such conditions as to the bottling and as to the strength of the spirits as are prescribed by Departmental By-laws per gallon	45s.	45s.	46s.
(b) If not bottled in the Commonwealth under Customs supervision per gallon	50s.	50s.	51s.
(2) When exceeding the strength of proof—			
(a) If bottled in the Commonwealth under Customs supervision subject to such conditions as to the bottling and as to the strength of the spirits as are prescribed by Departmental By-laws per proof gallon	45s.	45s.	46s.
(b) If not bottled in the Commonwealth under Customs supervision per proof gallon	50s.	50s.	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 subject to such conditions as to the bottling and as to the strength of the spirits as are prescribed by Departmental By-laws per gallon	45s.	47s.	48s.
(b) If not bottled in the Commonwealth under Customs supervision per gallon	50s.	52s.	53s.
(2) When exceeding the strength of proof—			
(a) If bottled in the Commonwealth under Customs supervision subject to such conditions as to the bottling and as to the strength of the spirits as are prescribed by Departmental By-laws per proof gallon	45s.	47s.	48s.
(b) If not bottled in the Commonwealth under Customs supervision per proof gallon	50s.	52s.	53s.”
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Debate resumed on the amendment moved by Mr. Nairn, viz. :—That the Item be amended by adding the following to sub-item (A), paragraph (1) :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“ And on and after 13th May, 1931			
(1) When not exceeding the strength of proof per gallon	45s.	45s.	46s.”

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 28.

Noes, 27.

Mr. Bell	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Anstey	Mr. Jones
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Keane
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Parkhill	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lewis
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Chifley	Mr. Long
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Coleman	Mr. Lyons
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Edward Riley	Mr. Crouch	Mr. Makin
Mr. Gibbons	Mr. Rowe	Mr. Culley	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Tully	Mr. Cusack	Mr. Theodore
Mr. Hawker	Mr. White	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Killen	Mr. Yates	Mr. Forde	
Mr. Mackay		Mr. Gabb	
Mr. Marr	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Albert Green	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Martens	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Price
Mr. Morgan	Mr. Lacey	Mr. Holloway	Mr. E. C. Riley

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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On the motion of Mr. Nairn, the Item was further amended by adding the following to sub-item (A), paragraph (2) :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.

" And on and after 13th May, 1931 (2) When exceeding the strength of proof per proof gallon	45s.	45s.	46s."

Mr. Roland Green moved, That the Item be further amended by adding the following to sub-item (B) :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.

" And on and after 13th May, 1931 (B) Whisky, including Liqueur Whisky— (1) When not exceeding the strength of proof— Whether or not bottled in the Commonwealth under Customs supervision subject to such conditions as to the bottling and as to the strength of the spirits as are prescribed by Departmental By-laws per gallon	33s.	47s.	48s.
(2) When exceeding the strength of proof— Whether or not bottled in the Commonwealth under Customs supervision subject to such conditions as to the bottling and as to the strength of the spirits as are prescribed by Departmental By-laws per proof gallon	33s.	47s.	48s."

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.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Theodore (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at one minute to ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Malcolm Cameron, Mr. Eldridge, Mr. Frost, Mr. Guy, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Marks, Mr. Mathews, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Nelson, and Mr. Stewart.

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