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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 198.

FRIDAY, 16TH OCTOBER, 1931.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Deputy-Speaker (Mr. D. C. McGrath) took the Chair, and offered Prayers.
2. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—GOVERNMENT SAVINGS BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement, with regard to previous negotiations for Commonwealth assistance to the Government Savings Bank of New South Wales, and announced that the Commonwealth Government was prepared to co-operate in negotiations for the amalgamation of that Bank with the Commonwealth Bank.
Mr. Lyons (Leader of the Opposition) and Mr. Hunter, by leave, also made Statements with reference to the matter.
3. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. W. Maloney rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter or urgent public importance, namely, "The necessity to use silver currency to assist in Australia's financial recovery."
Mr. Deputy-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. W. Maloney moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Mr. W. Maloney not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257B—
Ordered—That the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
4. CUSTOMS TARIFF (PRIMAGE DUTIES) BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Resolution reported from the Committee of Ways and Means—
Mr. Forde (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the Resolution be adopted.
Debate ensued.
Question—put.
The House divided (The Deputy-Speaker, Mr. McGrath, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Lewis
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Long
Mr. Brennan	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Martens
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Cusack	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Forde	Mr. Theodore
Mr. Frost	Mr. Tully
Mr. Gibbons	
Mr. Albert Green	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Jones	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Keane	Mr. Rowe

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Mr. Bell	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Gabb	
Mr. Gardner	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lyons	Mr. Bayley
Mr. Morgan	Mr. Guy

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Forde 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.

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Ordered—That Mr. Forde and Mr. Scullin do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

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

Debate ensued.

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

Mr. Deputy-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. Keane reported accordingly.

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

5. WAYS AND MEANS [EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENTS (NOS. 9 AND 10)].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

[See proposed Resolutions for Excise Tariff Amendments of the 26th March, 1931 (pages 566-569), and of the 29th July, 1931 (page 781).]

Item numbered 1 debated and agreed to.

Item numbered 2, viz. :—

Articles.	Rate of Duty.
2. By omitting the whole of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—	
“(A) Brandy, distilled wholly from wine, the fermented juice of fresh grapes, by a pot-still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 40 per cent. over proof, matured by storage in wood for a period of not less than two years and certified by an officer to be pure brandy—	
(1) If bottled under Customs or Excise 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 28s.
(2) If not bottled under Customs or Excise supervision	per proof gallon 33s.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—	
“(B) Blended Brandy, distilled wholly from wine, the fermented juice of fresh grapes, and containing not less than 25 per cent. of pure spirit (which has been separately distilled from wine, the fermented juice of fresh grapes, by a pot-still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 40 per cent. over proof), the whole being matured by storage in wood for a period of not less than two years, and certified by an officer to be brandy so blended and matured—	
(1) If bottled under Customs or Excise 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 29s.
(2) If not bottled under Customs or Excise supervision	per proof gallon 34s.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (C) (twice occurring) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—	
“(C) Apple Brandy, distilled wholly from apple cider and Brandies distilled from other approved fruit juices by a pot-still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 40 per cent. over proof, matured by storage in wood for a period of not less than two years, and certified by an officer to be pure apple or pure fruit brandy—	
(1) If bottled under Customs or Excise 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 29s.
(2) If not bottled under Customs or Excise supervision	per proof gallon 34s.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (D) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—	
“(D) Whisky, distilled wholly from barley malt by a pot-still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 45 per cent. over proof, matured by storage in wood for a period of not less than two years, and certified by an officer to be pure malt whisky—	
(1) If bottled under Customs or Excise 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 28s.
(2) If not bottled under Customs or Excise supervision	per proof gallon 33s.”
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Ordered—That the Item be divided.

Sub-item (A)—

On the motion of Mr. Forde (Minister for Trade and Customs), after debate, the sub-item was amended by adding the following :—

Articles.	Rate of Duty.
<p>(A) Brandy, distilled wholly from wine, the fermented juice of fresh grapes, by a pot-still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 40 per cent. over proof, matured by storage in wood for a period of not less than two years and certified by an officer to be pure brandy per proof gallon</p>	<p>“ And on and after 17th October, 1931 28s.”</p>

Sub-item, as amended, agreed to.

Sub-item (B)—

On the motion of Mr. Forde, after debate, the sub-item was amended by adding the following :—

Articles.	Rate of Duty.
<p>(B) Blended Brandy, distilled wholly from wine, the fermented juice of fresh grapes, and containing not less than 25 per cent. of pure spirit (which has been separately distilled from wine, the fermented juice of fresh grapes, by a pot-still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 40 per cent. over proof), the whole being matured by storage in wood for a period of not less than two years, and certified by an officer to be brandy so blended and matured per proof gallon</p>	<p>“ And on and after 17th October, 1931 29s.”</p>

Sub-item, as amended, agreed to.

Sub-item (C)—

On the motion of Mr. Forde, the sub-item was amended by adding the following :—

Articles.	Rate of Duty.
<p>(C) Apple Brandy, distilled wholly from apple cider and Brandies distilled from other approved fruit juices by a pot-still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 40 per cent. over proof, matured by storage in wood for a period of not less than two years, and certified by an officer to be pure apple or pure fruit brandy per proof gallon</p>	<p>“ And on and after 17th October, 1931 20s.”</p>

Sub-item, as amended, agreed to.

Sub-item (D)—

On the motion of Mr. Bernard Corser, after debate, the sub-item was amended by adding the following :—

Articles.	Rate of Duty.
<p>(D) Whisky, distilled wholly from barley malt by a pot-still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 45 per cent. over proof, matured by storage in wood for a period of not less than three years, and certified by an officer to be pure malt whisky—</p> <p>(1) If bottled under Customs or Excise 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</p> <p>(2) If not bottled under Customs or Excise supervision per proof gallon</p>	<p>“ And on and after 17th October, 1931 28s. 33s.”</p>

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Keane reported accordingly.

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

6. DEBT CONVERSION AGREEMENT BILL (No. 2) (1931).—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.

Mr. Thomas Paterson 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.

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7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SERVICE AND EXECUTION OF PROCESS BILL (1931).—Mr. Deputy-Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 160.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Service and Execution of Process Act 1901–1928’*,” and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

WALTER KINGSMILL,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 16th October, 1931.

Mr. Brennan (Attorney-General) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time.

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

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF ANATOMY AGREEMENT BILL (1931).—Mr. Deputy-Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 161.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to ratify and approve an Agreement made between the Commonwealth of Australia and Sir William Colin Mackenzie, Kt., Doctor of Medicine, and for other purposes.*,” and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

WALTER KINGSMILL,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 16th October, 1931.

Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time.

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

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at six minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Beasley, Mr. Malcolm Cameron, Mr. Crouch, Mr. Culley, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Eldridge, Mr. Josiah Francis*, Mr. Gullett, Mr. Hawker, Mr. Hill, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Hughes, Mr. James, Mr. Killen, Mr. Lacey*, Mr. Latham, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Makin, Mr. Marr, Mr. Mathews*, Mr. McNeill, Mr. Parker Moloney, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Ward, Mr. White, and Mr. Yates.

* On leave.

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