

1932.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 16.

THURSDAY, 17TH MARCH, 1932.

1. **The House** met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. H. Mackay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MILITARY CLOTHING FOR UNEMPLOYED.**—Mr. Josiah Francis (Assistant Minister for Defence), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement announcing the extent and method of the distribution of part-worn and surplus military clothing to the unemployed.
3. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determination by the Arbitrator, &c.—
No. 1 of 1932—Federated Public Service Assistants' Association.
 - Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1932, No. 28.
 - Naval Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1932, No. 29.
 - Norfolk Island Act—Ordinance of 1932—No. 1—Adoption of Children.
 - Public Service Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1932, No. 27.
4. **AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING COMMISSION BILL.**—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.
5. **PAPERS.**—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
British Phosphate Commission—Report and Accounts for year ended 30th June, 1931 (Eleventh year).
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Patents Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1932, No. 30.
6. **SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, which time of meeting shall be notified by Mr. Speaker to each Member by telegram or letter.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
7. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS.**—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That leave of absence be given to every Member of the House of Representatives from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next sitting.
Question—put and passed.

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8. LANDS ACQUISITION BILL (1932).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—
Mr. Marr (Minister for Works and Railways) moved, 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.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

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

Suspension of Sitting.—At five minutes to three o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair.
Resumption of Sitting.—At twenty-three minutes past three o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—WAR SERVICE HOMES BILL (1932).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

Message No. 6.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for " *An Act to amend sections thirty-one, thirty-six, and forty-three of the ' War Service Homes Act 1918-1929 ' ,*" and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendment indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

WALTER KINGSMILL,

President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 17th March, 1932.

Ordered That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

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 Amendment made by the Senate, which is as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE.

Page 2, clause 3, line 25, after " that " insert " in respect of any repairs effected after the fifteenth day of March One thousand nine hundred and thirty-two ".

On the motion of Mr. Josiah Francis (Minister administering War Service Homes), the amendment was agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bell reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Josiah Francis, the House adopted the Report.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—LANDS ACQUISITION BILL (1932).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

Message No. 7.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for " *An Act to amend section sixty-two A of the ' Lands Acquisition Act 1906-1916 ' ,*" and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

WALTER KINGSMILL,

President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 17th March, 1932.

11. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—
No. 2 of 1932—Federated Public Service Assistants' Association.
No. 3 of 1932—Fourth Division Officers' Association of the Trade and Customs Department and the Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.
12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 3 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 4.

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13. 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. Gullett (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved—

That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1921–1930 as proposed to be amended by Customs Tariff Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the twenty-fifth day of February, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-two, be further amended as hereunder set out, and that on and after the eighteenth day of March, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-two, 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 1921–1930 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 XVI.—MISCELLANEOUS. | | | |
| 392. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— | | | |
| “ 392. Yarns — | | | |
| (A) Cotton — | | | |
| (1) Mercerized, bleached, dyed and random dyed, yarns for manufacture of cotton tweeds, yarns for manufacture of twines cordage sewing threads and the like, condenser yarns for manufacture of blankets and towels, yarns being single ply yarns spun in count No. 50 or finer and yarns of two or more ply containing one or more ply spun in count No. 50 or finer, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - ad val. | Free | Free | 5 per cent. |
| (2) N.E.I. - - - - - per lb. and ad val. | | | 3d. |
| (B) Coir - - - - - | 35 per cent. | 50 per cent. | 55 per cent. |
| (C) Woollen or containing wool - - - per lb. and ad val. | Free | Free | Free |
| (D) Silk or silk in admixture with artificial silk, but not including yarns composed wholly of artificial silk - - - - - ad val. | 1s. | 1s. | 1s. |
| (E) Jute - - - - - | 35 per cent. | 35 per cent. | 35 per cent. |
| (F) Hemp and Flax - - - - - ad val. | 20 per cent. | 30 per cent. | 35 per cent. |
| (1) 12 lea and under - - - - - ad val. | 30 per cent. | 40 per cent. | 45 per cent. |
| (2) Over 12 lea - - - - - ad val. | 30 per cent. | 40 per cent. | 45 per cent. |
| (G) N.E.I. - - - - - ad val. | 10 per cent. | 15 per cent. | 20 per cent. |
| | Free | Free | 10 per cent. |

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Bell reported accordingly.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seven minutes to seven o'clock p.m., adjourned until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, and to be notified by him to each Member by telegram or letter as determined by resolution of the House at this sitting.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Anstey, Mr. Baker, Mr. E. F. Harrison, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Latham, Mr. George Lawson, Mr. Parkhill, Mr. Frederick Stewart, and Mr. William Watson.

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