

1932.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 29.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH MAY, 1932.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. H. Mackay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. NOTICE OF MOTIONS—LEAVE TO GIVE NOT GRANTED.—Mr. Parkhill (Minister for the Interior) asked leave of the House to give Notice of two Motions. Objection being raised, leave not granted.
3. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

ISAAC A. ISAACS,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 13.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

“ *Emergency Legislation Suspension Act 1932* ”,  
“ *Australian Broadcasting Commission Act 1932* ”,  
“ *Queensland Meat Inspection Agreement Act 1932* ”,

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 Laws.

Government House,  
Canberra, 17th May, 1932.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 21.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Crimes Act 1914–1928 ’*,” and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

WALTER KINGSMILL,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 17th May, 1932.

Mr. Bruce (Assistant Treasurer) 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.

5. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Garden, J. S.—Papers relating to employment in, and suspension and dismissal from the Department of Defence.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Naval Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1932, No. 44.

New Guinea Act—Ordinances of 1932—

No. 4—Appropriation 1931–32.

No. 5—Mining.

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6. WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 3)].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

[See proposed Resolutions for Customs Tariff Amendment of the 3rd May, 1932 (pages 145–152).]  
General debate resumed on the first Item (numbered 19) of the Customs Tariff.

The Committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

THURSDAY, 19TH MAY, 1932.

General debate continued and concluded.

Item numbered 19, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
19. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :—			
“ 19. (A) Tobacco, unmanufactured, entered to be locally manufactured into Tobacco other than fine cut tobacco suitable for the manufacture of cigarettes—to be paid at the time of removal to the factory—			
(1) Unstemmed - - - per lb.	3s.	3s.	3s.
(2) Stemmed, or partly stemmed, or in strips - - - per lb.	3s. 6d.	3s. 6d.	3s. 6d.
(B) Tobacco, unmanufactured, entered to be locally manufactured into Cigarettes or into fine cut tobacco suitable for the manufacture of cigarettes—to be paid at the time of removal to the factory—			
(1) Unstemmed - - - per lb.	5s. 2d.	5s. 2d.	5s. 2d.
(2) Stemmed, or partly stemmed, or in strips - - - per lb.	5s. 8d.	5s. 8d.	5s. 8d.”

Debate ensued.

Mr. Thompson moved, That the Item be postponed.

Debate continued.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Baker	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Nock
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Forde	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Gander	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Thompson
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Hill	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. James	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. George Lawson	Mr. Martens
Mr. Makin	Mr. McNicoll

Noes, 37.

Mr. Blacklow	Mr. Lane
Mr. Bruce	Mr. John Lawson
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Lyons
Mr. Casey	Mr. Marr
Mr. Dein	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Dennis	Mr. McBride
Mr. Fenton	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Guy	Mr. Stacey
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Frederick Stewart
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Hawker	Mr. White
Mr. Holman	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hutchin	Mr. Gardner
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Price
Mr. Jennings	

And so it was negatived.

Item agreed to.

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Item numbered 78, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
78. By omitting the whole of sub-item (d) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(d) Unshelled, n.e.i. - - - per lb.	2d.	2d.	3d.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (e) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(e) Kernels n.e.i., Pastes n.e.i., and Meals - per lb.	4d.	4d.	6d.”
By adding a new sub-item (n) as follows :— “(n) Almonds, viz. :— (1) Unshelled - - - - - per lb.	4d.	4d.	6d.
(2) Kernels for use in the manufacture of marzipan, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - -	Free	Free	Free
(3) Kernels, n.e.i. - - - - - per lb.	4d.	4d.	6d.”

Debate ensued.

Mr. Malcolm Cameron moved, That the Item be postponed.

Debate continued.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. Baker	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Blacklow	Mr. Noek
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Price
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Dennis	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Forde	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Frederick Stewart
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Thorby
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Hill	Mr. William Watson

Tellers:

Mr. James	Mr. Martens
Mr. Jennings	Mr. McNicoll

Noes, 24.

Mr. Bruce	Mr. Lane
Mr. Casey	Mr. John Lawson
Mr. Dein	Mr. Lyons
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Marr
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Gullett	Mr. McBride
Mr. Guy	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Perkins
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Hawker	
Mr. Holman	
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Hutchinson	

Tellers:

Mr. Gardner
Mr. White

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Item numbered 105, viz. :

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
105. By omitting the whole of sub-item (a) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(a) Hair Cloth and Cloth of Hair in combination with other fibres for interlining apparel per square yard or ad val. whichever rate returns the higher duty.”	6d. 45 per cent.	7d. 55 per cent.	8d. 60 per cent.
By omitting the whole of sub-item (n) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(n) (1) Waterproofed Cloth, n.e.i. prepared with rubber, oil, celluloid or nitro-cellulose ad val.	35 per cent.	40 per cent.	50 per cent.
(2) Waterproofed Tape or Textile Strip— (a) Prepared with rubber, oil, celluloid or nitro-cellulose - - - ad val.	35 per cent.	40 per cent.	50 per cent.
(b) N.E.I. - - - - - ad val.	Free	5 per cent.	15 per cent.”
By adding a new sub-item (j) as follows :— “(j) (1) Leather Cloth and Leather Cloth Binding prepared with rubber, oil, celluloid or nitro-cellulose ; Bookbinders' Cloth prepared with nitro-cellulose - - - ad val.	35 per cent.	40 per cent.	50 per cent.
(2) Oil baize and fabrics similar to oil baize prepared with rubber, oil, celluloid or nitro-cellulose— (a) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - - ad val.	5 per cent.	15 per cent.	25 per cent.
(b) N.E.I. - - - - - ad val.	35 per cent.	40 per cent.	50 per cent.”
By adding a new sub-item (κ) as follows :— “(κ) Picco goods of a class or kind not produced in Australia which would otherwise be dutiable at a higher rate than that payable under this sub-item imported for use in the manufacture of neck-ties, as proscribed by Departmental By-laws— (1) Silk or in chief part by weight silk ; wool or in chief part by weight wool and admixtures of wool and silk - ad val.	10 per cent.	15 per cent.	20 per cent.
(2) Other - - - - - ad val.	20 per cent.	22½ per cent.	25 per cent.”

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Debate ensued.

Ordered—That the Item be considered by sub-items.

Sub-item (g)—

Mr. McNicoll moved, That the sub-item be postponed.

Debate continued.

Motion withdrawn, by leave.

Sub-item agreed to.

Sub-item (h) debated—

Mr. Nairn moved, That the sub-item be amended by adding the following to paragraph (1) :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“ And on and after 20th May, 1932 (1) Waterproofed Cloth, n.e.i., prepared with rubber, oil, celluloid or nitro-cellulose ad val.	20 per cent.	25 per cent.	30 per cent.”

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott  
Mr. Thomas Collins  
Mr. Dein  
Mr. Gregory  
Mr. E. J. Harrison  
Mr. Hutchinson  
Mr. John Lawson  
Mr. McBride  
Mr. Nairn  
Mr. Earle Page  
Mr. Stacey  
Mr. Thorby  
Mr. William Watson

*Tellers:*

Mr. Nock  
Mr. Prowse

Noes, 33.

Mr. Baker  
Mr. Blacklow  
Mr. Blakeley  
Mr. Bruce  
Mr. Malcolm Cameron  
Mr. Dennis  
Mr. Fenton  
Mr. Forde  
Mr. Josiah Francis  
Mr. Albert Green  
Sir Littleton Groom  
Mr. Gullett  
Mr. Guy  
Mr. E. F. Harrison  
Mr. Holloway  
Mr. Holman  
Mr. James  
Mr. Jennings

Mr. Lane  
Mr. George Lawson  
**Mr. Lyons**  
Mr. Marr  
Mr. Martens  
Mr. Maxwell  
**Mr. Parkhill**  
Mr Perkins  
Mr. Price  
Mr. E. C. Riley  
Mr. Scholfield  
Mr. Scullin  
Mr. Watkins

*Tellers:*

Mr. Gardner  
Mr. White

And so it was negatived.

Sub-item agreed to.

Sub-item (j) debated and agreed to.

Sub-item (k) debated and agreed to.

Item numbered 106—

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.

## 7. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

[*Acts Interpretation Bill (1932)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 22.

The Senate has agreed to the amendments made by the House of Representatives in the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Acts Interpretation Act 1901–1930 ’ and the ‘ Acts Interpretation Act 1904–1930 ’* ”.

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Canberra, 18th May, 1932.

WALTER KINGSMILL,  
President.

[*Commonwealth Bank Bill (1932)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 24.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Commonwealth Bank Act 1911–1931 ’* ” and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 19th May, 1932.

WALTER KINGSMILL,  
President.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 23.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to amend the ' Bankruptcy Act 1924-1930 '*," and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 18th May, 1932.

WALTER KINGSMILL,  
President.

Mr. Bruce (Assistant Treasurer) 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. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—FORESTRY BUREAU BILL (1932).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 25.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to amend the ' Forestry Bureau Act 1930 '*," and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 19th May, 1932.

WALTER KINGSMILL,  
President.

Mr. Parkhill (Minister for the Interior) 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.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 26.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to amend the ' Solar Observatory Fund Act 1930-1931 '*," and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 19th May, 1932.

WALTER KINGSMILL,  
President.

Mr. Parkhill (Minister for the Interior) 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.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—INSURANCE BILL (No. 2) (1932).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 27.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to amend the ' Insurance Act 1932 '*," and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 19th May, 1932.

WALTER KINGSMILL,  
President.

Mr. Bruce (Assistant Treasurer) 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.

12. ADJOURNMENT—COUNT-OUT.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.

Mr. Holman called the attention of Mr. Speaker to the fact that a quorum of Members was not present. The Bells having been rung, and a quorum not having been obtained within the prescribed time,

Mr. Speaker thereupon, at thirteen minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned the House until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Anstey, Mr. Beasley, Mr. Hunter\*, Mr. Latham\*, and Mr. Ward.

\* On leave.

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

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