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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 123.

FRIDAY, 3RD NOVEMBER, 1933.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. H. Mackay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Parkhill (Postmaster-General) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1933—
No. 17.—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia; Australian Third Division Telegraphists and Postal Clerks' Union; Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association; Federated Public Service Assistants' Association of Australia; and Fourth Division Postmasters, Postal Clerks and Telegraphists' Union.
No. 18.—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia and others.
No. 19.—Commonwealth Temporary Clerks' Association.
No. 20.—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.
4. EXCISE TARIFF BILL (1933)—SENATE'S REQUESTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendments requested by the Senate (*see page 770*)—
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Requested Amendment No. 1.—

Debate resumed on the motion of Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs), viz.:—That the Requested Amendment be made as on and from 5th October, 1933, with the modification that the duties be reduced to 26s.

Question—put and passed.

Requested Amendment No. 2.—

Mr. White moved, That the Requested Amendment be made with the following modification:—

| Articles. | Rate of Duty. |
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| <p>Instead of— “(j) Spirit for fortifying Australian wine or used in fortifying Australian wine, subject to Regulations:— (1) Spirit used in fortifying wine prior to 13th March, 1930, and entered for home consumption on or after that date:— (a) Distilled wholly from the fresh juice of Doradillo grapes per proof gallon (b) N.E.I. per proof gallon (2) Spirit used in fortifying wine on or after 13th March, 1930, and entered for home consumption prior to 25th May, 1933:— (a) Distilled wholly from the fresh juice of Doradillo grapes per proof gallon (b) N.E.I. per proof gallon (3) Spirit for fortifying wine or used in fortifying wine on or after 13th March, 1930, and entered for home consumption on or after 25th May, 1933 per proof gallon The duties imposed by this sub-item apply to the spirit whether, at the time of entry for home consumption, it is mixed or not with wine. If the spirit is mixed with wine, the quantity for duty is the total quantity of spirit which has been added to the wine.”</p> | <p>5s. 6s. 10s. 11s. 9s.</p> |

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| Articles. | Rate of Duty. |
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| <i>Read—</i> | |
| “(j) Spirit for fortifying Australian wine or used in fortifying Australian wine, subject to Regulations :— | |
| (1) Spirit used in fortifying wine prior to 13th March, 1930, and entered for home consumption on or after that date :— | |
| (a) Distilled wholly from the fresh juice of Doradillo grapes | per proof gallon 5s. |
| (b) N.E.I. | per proof gallon 6s. |
| (2) Spirit used in fortifying wine on or after 13th March, 1930, and entered for home consumption prior to 25th May, 1933 :— | |
| (a) Distilled wholly from the fresh juice of Doradillo grapes | per proof gallon 10s. |
| (b) N.E.I. | per proof gallon 11s. |
| (3) Spirit used in fortifying wine on or after 13th March, 1930, and entered for home consumption on or after 25th May, 1933, and prior to 5th October, 1933 | per proof gallon 9s. |
| (4) Spirit for fortifying wine or used in fortifying wine on or after 13th March, 1930, and entered for home consumption on or after 5th October, 1933 | per proof gallon 6s. 6d. |
| The duties imposed by this sub-item apply to the spirit whether, at the time of entry for home consumption, it is mixed or not with wine. If the spirit is mixed with wine, the quantity for duty is the total quantity of spirit which has been added to the wine less any allowance for waste, including evaporation waste, which may be prescribed by Regulations.” | |

Question—put and passed.
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bell reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. White, the House adopted the Report.
Ordered—That the Bill, amended accordingly, be returned to the Senate.

5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 2 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 3.
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 Resolution for Customs Tariff Amendment of the 4th October, 1933 (pages 690–1).]

Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the motion be amended by omitting the following from the list of import duties :—

| --- | British Preferential Tariff. | General Tariff. |
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| 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 | per gallon 40s. | 43s. |
| (2) When exceeding the strength of proof | per proof gallon 40s. | 43s.” |

Question—put and passed.
Motion, as amended, agreed to.
Resolution to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bell reported accordingly.
Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
Mr. White 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.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. White, was adopted by the House.

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

7. CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL (No. 2) (1933).—Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) 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. White moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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.

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(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 4 agreed to.
Schedule agreed to.
Title agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bell reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Guy (Assistant Minister), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

8. WAYS AND MEANS—EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 5).—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

[See proposed Resolution for Excise Tariff Amendment of the 4th October, 1933 (pages 700-1).]
Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the motion be amended by omitting the following from the list of Excise duties :—

| | Rate of Duty. |
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| By omitting the whole of sub-item (E) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— | |
| “ (E) Blended Whisky, distilled partly from barley malt and partly from other grain, containing not less than 25 per cent. of pure barley malt spirit (which has been separately distilled by a pot-still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 45 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 whisky so blended and matured - per proof gallon | 26s. |
| And on and after 1st October, 1935 | |
| (E) Blended Whisky, distilled partly from barley malt and partly from other grain, containing not less than 25 per cent. of pure barley malt spirit (which has been separately distilled by a pot-still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 45 per cent. over proof), the whole being matured by storage in wood for a period of not less than three years, and certified by an officer to be whisky so blended and matured - per proof gallon | 26s.” |
| By omitting the whole of sub-item (J) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— | |
| “ (J) Spirit for fortifying Australian wine, subject to Regulations per proof gallon | 6s. 6d.” |

Question—put and passed.
Motion, as amended, agreed to.
Resolution to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bell reported accordingly.
Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
Mr. White 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.
The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. White, was adopted by the House.
Ordered—That Mr. White and Mr. Guy do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

9. EXCISE TARIFF BILL (NO. 2) (1933).—Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) then brought up a Bill intitled “ *A Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Excise,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. White 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.)

Clauses 1 to 4 agreed to.
Clause 5 debated and agreed to.
Schedule agreed to.
Title agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bell reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Guy (Assistant Minister), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

10. DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The following Order of the Day, Government Business, was read, and, on the motion of Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs), discharged :—
Customs Tariff (Industries Preservation) Bill (1933)—Further consideration in Committee.

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11. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF (INDUSTRIES PRESERVATION).—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

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

That, in lieu of the Duties of Customs which may be levied in pursuance of section eight of the *Customs Tariff (Industries Preservation) Act 1921–1922* there be collected Duties of Customs in accordance with the following provisions :—

- (1) If the Minister is satisfied, after inquiry and report by the Tariff Board, that the exchange value of the currency of the country of origin of any goods has depreciated in relation to Australian currency, and that by reason of such depreciation goods have been or are being sold to an importer in Australia at prices which will be detrimental to an Australian industry, the Minister may publish a notice in the *Gazette* specifying the country as to the exchange value of the currency of which he is so satisfied, and the goods originated in that country to which in his opinion the provisions of this Resolution should apply.
- (2) Upon the publication of the notice, there shall be charged, collected and paid to the use of the King, for the purpose of the Commonwealth, on all goods specified in the notice and produced or manufactured in the country specified therein, a special duty ascertained as follows :—
 - (a) From the nominal par value in sterling of a unit of the currency of the country of origin of the goods there shall be deducted the value in Australian currency of the same unit at date of exportation of the goods.
 - (b) The amount ascertained under the last preceding paragraph shall be divided by the value in Australian currency of a unit of the currency of the country of origin of the goods at the date of exportation of the goods.
 - (c) The figure ascertained under the last preceding paragraph shall be multiplied by the value for duty of the goods assessed in accordance with the *Customs Act 1901–1930*.

Question—put and passed.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Bell reported accordingly.

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

Mr. White 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.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. White, after debate, was adopted by the House.

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

12. CUSTOMS TARIFF (INDUSTRIES PRESERVATION) BILL [No. 2] 1933.—Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Customs Tariff (Industries Preservation) Act 1921–1922’*,” and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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

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. Guy (Assistant Minister), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

13. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 4 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 5.

14. CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) AGREEMENT 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.

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. White (Minister for Trade and Customs), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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15. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE).—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Debate resumed on the motion previously moved by Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) on the 25th October, 1933 (see pages 731–9).

Motion agreed to.

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

The House resumed : Mr. Bell reported accordingly.

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

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. White, was adopted by the House.

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

16. CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) BILL (1933).—Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act relating to Preferential Duties of Customs on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of the Dominion of New Zealand and for other purposes*,” and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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

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. White, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

17. WAYS AND MEANS—PRIMAGE DUTY AMENDMENT (No. 4).—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

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

That, on and after the fourth day of November, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-three, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Territory for the Seat of Government, the list of items included in the sub-paragraph numbered 3 of the Customs Tariff (Primage Duties) Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the fourth day of October, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-three, covering goods which when admissible under the British Preferential Tariff are subject to primage duty at the rate of five per centum ad valorem be amended as follows :—

(1) by omitting Item 107 and inserting in its stead Item 107 (A).

(2) by adding after Item 178 (E) the following Items, viz. :—Item 178 (F) (2) (b) and Item 178 (F) (3) (b).

(3) by omitting Item 179 (D) (1) (a) (3) (a) and inserting in its stead Item 179 (D) (1) (a) (4) (a).

(4) by omitting Item 179 (D) (1) (c) (3) (a) and inserting in its stead Item 179 (D) (1) (c) (4) (a).

(5) by omitting Item 215 and inserting in its stead Item 215 (B).

(6) by omitting Item 319 (A) (3).

(7) by adding after Item 319 (A) (2) the following Item, viz. :—Item 319 (A) (4).

(8) by omitting Item 319 (A) (6).

(9) by omitting Items 359 (G) (6) (a), 359 (G) (7) and 359 (G) (8).

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Bell reported accordingly.

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

18. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF (EXCHANGE ADJUSTMENT) AMENDMENT.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

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

That, on and after the fourth day of November, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-three, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Territory for the Seat of Government, the Schedule to the Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the fourth day of October, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-three, be amended as follows :—

(1) by omitting Item 107 and inserting in its stead Item 107 (A).

(2) by adding after Item 178 (E) the following Items, viz. :—Item 178 (F) (2) (b) and Item 178 (F) (3) (b).

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- (3) by omitting Item 179 (D) (1) (a) (3) (a) and inserting in its stead Item 179 (D) (1) (a) (4) (a).
 (4) by omitting Item 179 (D) (1) (c) (3) (a) and inserting in its stead Item 179 (D) (1) (c) (4) (a).
 (5) by omitting Item 215 and inserting in its stead Item 215 (B).
 (6) by omitting Item 319 (A) (3).
 (7) by adding after Item 319 (A) (2) the following Item, viz. :—Item 319 (A) (4).
 (8) by omitting Item 319 (A) (6).
 (9) by omitting Items 359 (G) (6) (a), 359 (G) (7) and 359 (G) (8).

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.

19. NORTHERN TERRITORY (ADMINISTRATION) BILL (1933).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Perkins (Minister for the Interior) 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. Perkins, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

20. OFFICERS' RIGHTS DECLARATION BILL (1933).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Perkins (Minister for the Interior) 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. Perkins, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

21. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Parkhill (Postmaster-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-five minutes to four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Anstey, Mr. Malcolm Cameron, Mr. Casey, Mr. Dennis, Mr. Gabb, Mr. Gibson, Mr. E. F. Harrison, Mr. Hill, Mr. Holloway, Mr. James, Mr. Latham, Mr. George Lawson, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. McBride, Mr. McClelland, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Scholfield, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Ward, and Mr. Watkins.

E. W. PARKES,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.