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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 142.

FRIDAY, 29TH JUNE, 1934.

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. Lyons (Prime Minister) 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, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Northern Territory—Report on Administration for year ended 30th June, 1933.
Postmaster-General's Department—Twenty-third Annual Report, 1932-33.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
4. CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) BILL (1934).—Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) 1933*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. White then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. White moved, by leave, 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. White, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

5. WITHDRAWAL OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) withdrew Notice of Motion No. 2 standing in his name for leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend Part XI. of the *Excise Act 1901-1923*.
6. WAR SERVICE HOMES (SOUTH AUSTRALIA) AGREEMENT BILL.—Mr. Josiah Francis (Minister administering War Service Homes) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to approve an agreement made between His Majesty's Government of the Commonwealth of Australia and His Majesty's Government of the State of South Australia and for other purposes.
Question—put and passed.
7. DISTILLATION BILL (1934).—Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Distillation Act 1901-1931*.
Question—put and passed.

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8. **LAND TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1934).**—Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs), for Mr. Casey (Assistant Minister), moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend section twenty-eight of the *Land Tax Assessment Act 1910-1930*, as amended by the *Financial Relief Act 1932*.
Question—put and passed.
9. **FLOUR TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1934).**—Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs), for Mr. Casey (Assistant Minister), moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Flour Tax Assessment Act 1933*.
Question—put and passed.
10. **WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF (PRIMAGE DUTIES).**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the Customs Tariff (Primage Duties) Resolutions introduced into the House of Representatives on the 3rd November, 1933, and 8th December, 1933, be incorporated in the Primage Duty Proposals of 4th October, 1933, as on and from 4th November and 8th December, 1933, respectively.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Forde moved, That the Chairman do report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Question—That the Chairman do report progress and ask leave to sit again—put.

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

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Beasley
Mr. Blakeley
Mr. Forde
Mr. Albert Green
Mr. Holloway
Mr. James
Mr. George Lawson
Mr. Makin
Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Riordan
Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Scullin
Mr. Ward
Mr. Watkins

Tellers:

Mr. Baker
Mr. Gander

Noes, 33.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Marr
Mr. Blacklow	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. McClelland
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Price
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Prowse
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Scholfield
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Guy	Mr. Frederick Stewart
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Thompson
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. White
Mr. Hawker	
Mr. Hill	
Mr. Hutchin	
Mr. Hutchinson	
Mr. Jennings	

Tellers:

Mr. Gardner
Mr. McNicoll

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

Motion agreed to.

Question—That the Proposals of 4th October, 1933, with subsequent Proposals incorporated, be agreed to—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, 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.

11. **CUSTOMS TARIFF (PRIMAGE DUTIES) BILL.**—Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Primage 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.

(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.

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12. 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.)

Debate resumed on the motion previously moved by Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) on the 3rd November, 1933 (see pages 777–8).

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.

13. CUSTOMS TARIFF (EXCHANGE ADJUSTMENT) BILL (1934).—Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the ' Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Act 1933 '*", 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.

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

(In the Committee.)

Consideration resumed of the motion previously moved by Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) on the 9th March, 1933 (see page 563) with the proposed amendment moved by Mr. White on the 30th November, 1933 (see page 833).

Amendment agreed to.

Motion, as amended, debated and 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.

15. CUSTOMS TARIFF (PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA PREFERENCE) BILL (1934).—Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Customs Tariff preference on goods the produce of the Territory of Papua and on goods the produce of the Territory of New Guinea '*", 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.

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16. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADIAN 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 7th December, 1933 (see pages 870-2).

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.

17. CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADIAN PREFERENCE) BILL (1934).—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 Canada* ”, 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.

18. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 2 and 3 be postponed until after all other Orders of the Day, Government Business.
19. CUSTOMS BILL (1932).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) 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 8 agreed to.

Clause 9 debated and agreed to.

Clause 10 agreed to.

Clause 11—

On the motion of Mr. White, the clause was omitted and the following clause inserted in place thereof :—

“ 11. Section one hundred and forty of the Principal Act is amended by Duty on parts. omitting sub-section (2.) and inserting in its stead the following sub-section :—

‘ (2.) When the duty on the complete goods is specific only or either specific or *ad valorem*, according to whichever returns the higher duty, or both specific and *ad valorem*, the Minister may fix the proportion of the specific rate that shall be applied in determining the amount of duty payable on any part of such goods.’ ”

Clauses 12 to 15 agreed to.

Clause 16—

On the motion of Mr. White, the following amendment was made :—

Page 5, line 6, omit “ thirty-three ”, insert “ thirty-five ”.

By leave, the further consideration of the clause was postponed.

Clauses 17 to 21 agreed to.

Clause 22—

On the motion of Mr. White, the clause was omitted and the following clause inserted in place thereof :—

“ 22. After section two hundred and seventy-seven of the Principal Act the following section is inserted :—

‘ 278. Where, prior to the commencement of this Act, the importation or exportation of any goods has been prohibited by proclamation, and the proclamation is in force immediately prior to such commencement, any such proclamation may be re-enacted, cancelled or varied by regulation, and until cancellation shall remain in force according to the terms in which it was issued, and, if varied, shall have effect according to its terms as so varied. Any such prohibition not re-enacted by regulation within six months after the commencement of this Act shall cease to have effect.’ ”

Proclamations prohibiting import or export may be re-enacted, cancelled or varied by regulation.

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New clause—

On the motion of Mr. White, the following new clause was inserted in the Bill :—

“1A. Section thirty of the Principal Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the following proviso :— Customs control of goods.

‘Provided that fish and other sea products gathered by any Australian registered vessel fitted out in and sailing from any port in the Commonwealth and brought to the Commonwealth in any such ship or in any tender registered in Australia and working in conjunction with such ship shall not be deemed to be imported for the purpose of paragraph (a) of this section.’ ”

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.

20. NAVIGATION (MARITIME CONVENTIONS) 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. Frederick Stewart (Minister for Commerce), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

21. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—DEATH OF LADY NORTHCOTE.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement regarding the death of Lady Northcote, wife of the third Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia.

Mr. Scullin (Leader of the Opposition) and other honorable Members, by leave, also addressed the House with reference to the matter.

22. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1934-35.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 151.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and thirty-five*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 29th June, 1934.

23. 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 five 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. Thomas Collins, Mr. Dein, Mr. Dennis, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Lane, Mr. Latham, Mr. John Lawson, Mr. Martens, Mr. McBride, Mr. McGrath, Mr. E. C. Riley, and Mr. Thorby.

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