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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 91.

THURSDAY, 2ND APRIL, 1936.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ARBITRATION (PUBLIC SERVICE) BILL (1936).—Mr. Hughes (Minister representing the Acting Attorney-General), pursuant to leave given on the 31st March last, brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Arbitration (Public Service) Act 1920-1934’* ”, and moved, That it 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.
3. COMMONWEALTH RAILWAYS BILL (1936).—Mr. Hughes (Minister representing the Acting Attorney-General), pursuant to leave given on the 31st March last, brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Commonwealth Railways Act 1917-1925’* ”, and moved, That it 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.
4. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Tariff Board—Report and Recommendation—Barbed Wire.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
5. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—EUROPEAN SITUATION.—Mr. Casey (Treasurer), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the substance of the proposed German peace plan delivered in London by the German Government.
6. WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS TARIFF (EXCHANGE ADJUSTMENT) AMENDMENTS (NOS. 3, 4 AND 5)].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

[See proposed Resolutions for Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Amendments of the 28th November, 1935 (pages 456-458), of the 20th March, 1936 (page 538) and of the 1st April, 1936 (page 562)].

The motions previously moved by Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) were agreed to. Mr. White moved, That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Act 1933-1934*, as proposed to be amended, be further amended as follows :—

By inserting “ 234 (A) except as to goods entered for home consumption on or after the 29th November, 1935, and before the 2nd April, 1936 ”; and

By inserting “ 241 (c) except as to goods entered for home consumption on or after the 29th November, 1935, and before the 1st April, 1936 ”.

Question—put and passed.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse 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 Sir Henry Gullett do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

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7. CUSTOMS TARIFF (EXCHANGE ADJUSTMENT) BILL (1936).—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 1933–1934 ’* ”, 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. Prowse reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. White, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

8. WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADIAN PREFERENCE) AMENDMENTS (NOS. 2 AND 3)].—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

[See proposed Resolutions for Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) Amendments of the 28th November, 1935 (page 459) and of the 1st April, 1936 (page 562)].
The motions previously moved by Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) were agreed to.
Resolution to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse 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. Parkhill do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

9. CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADIAN PREFERENCE) BILL (1936).—Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1934 ’* ”, 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. Prowse reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. White, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

10. WAYS AND MEANS [EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENTS (NOS. 4 AND 5)].—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

[See proposed Resolutions for Excise Tariff Amendments of the 28th November, 1935 (pages 461–462) and of the 20th March, 1936 (page 539)].

Item 2 agreed to.

Item 6, viz. :—

Articles.	Rate of Duty.
6. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :—	
“(6) Tobacco :—	*
* * * * *	*
(b) Tobacco, manufactured, n.e.i. :—	
(1) In the manufacture of which all the tobacco leaf used is Australian-grown	- per lb. 3s. 10d.
(2) Otherwise	- per lb. 4s. 6d.
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Mr. Forde moved, That the Item be amended by adding the following to paragraph (1) of sub-item (B) :—

Articles.	Rate of Duty.
(1) In the manufacture of which all the tobacco leaf used is Australian-grown	3s."

" And on and after 3rd April, 1936 - per lb.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. James
Mr. Baker	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Makin
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Martens
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Clark	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Ward
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. D. O. Watkins
Mr. Forde	
Mr. Frost	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Garden	Mr. Gander
Mr. Holloway	Mr. George Lawson

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Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. Lane
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. John Lawson
Mr. Casey	Mr. Lyons
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. McCall
Mr. Fiske	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Noek
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Parkhill
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Perkins
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Price
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Street
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Holt	Mr. White
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Hunter	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Gardner
Mr. Jennings	Mr. McBride

And so it was negatived.

Item agreed to.

Items 8, 13 and 18 agreed to.

Item 19—

Mr. White (Minister of Trade and Customs) moved, That that portion of the Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on 20th March, 1936, relating to Item 19 be incorporated in the present proposals as on and from the 21st March, 1936, in lieu of Item 19 of the Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on the 28th November, 1935.

Question—put and passed.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Preliminary matter agreed to.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse 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. Casey do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

11. EXCISE TARIFF BILL (1936).—Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) then brought up a Bill intituled " *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.

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. Prowse 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. FLOUR TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1936).—Mr. Casey (Treasurer), pursuant to leave given on the 27th March last, brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend section twenty-four of the ‘ Flour Tax Assessment Act 1934–1935’* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
 Mr. Casey 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. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

13. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday the 29th instant, at three o'clock p.m.
 Question—put and passed.

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

And then the House, at seventeen minutes to one o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, the twenty-ninth April, at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Albert Green*, Mr. E. F. Harrison*, Mr. G. W. Mahoney, Mr. W. Maloney, Sir Charles Marr, Mr. McClelland, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Menzies*, Mr. Earle Page*, Mr. Thomas Paterson, Mr. Scullin, and Mr. Stacey.

* On leave.

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