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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 16.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH MAY, 1938.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PARLIAMENTARY SALARIES ADJUSTMENT BILL 1938.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 10.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the Adjustment of the Salaries and Allowances of Ministers of State and of the Allowances of other Members of the Parliament, and for other purposes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 12th May, 1938.

P. J. LYNCH,  
President.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth was received, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

HUNTINGFIELD,  
Administrator.

Message No. 12.

A Proposed Law intituled "*Parliamentary Salaries Adjustment Act 1938*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Law.

Government House,  
Canberra, 13th May, 1938.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—INTER-STATE COMMISSION BILL 1938.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 11.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to make provision for the Inter-State Commission and for other purposes*", and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 12th May, 1938.

P. J. LYNCH,  
President.

Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) 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.

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5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
- Contract Immigrants Act—Return for 1937.
  - Immigration Act—Return for 1937.
  - Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at—
    - Alice Springs, Northern Territory—For Administrative purposes.
    - Ivanhoe, Victoria—For Postal purposes.
    - Jandakot Agricultural Area, Western Australia—For Defence purposes.
    - Maylands, Western Australia—For Defence purposes.
  - Meteorology Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1938, No. 37.
  - Navigation Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1938, No. 39.
  - Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinances of 1938—
    - No. 3—Interpretation.
    - No. 4—Wills.
    - No. 5—Registration of Dogs.
    - No. 6—Darwin Administration.
  - Crown Lands Ordinance—Regulations.
  - Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinances of 1938—
    - No. 7—Lunacy.
    - No. 8—Industrial Board.
    - No. 9—Workmen's Compensation.
    - No. 10—Enquiry.
    - No. 11—Roman Catholic Church Property Trust.
    - No. 12—Auctioneers.
    - No. 13—Companies.
    - No. 14—Police Superannuation.
    - No. 15—Real Property.
    - No. 16—Inebriates.
    - No. 17—Enquiry (No. 2).
    - No. 18—Rural Workers Accommodation.
    - No. 19—Apprenticeship.
  - Adoption of Children Ordinance and Court of Petty Sessions Ordinance—Rules. Regulations Amended under—
    - Industrial Board Ordinance.
    - Plant Diseases Ordinance.
6. WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 1)].—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 8th December, 1937 (pages 23–54)].

General debate resumed on the first Item.

General debate concluded.

Item 1 debated and agreed to.

Item 9 debated and agreed to.

Items 11 and 16 agreed to.

Item 20—

Mr. Forde moved, That the Item be postponed.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The Committee divided (The Temporary Chairman, Mr. John Lawson, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 23.		Noes, 28.	
Mr. Baker	Mr. Makin	Mr. Badman	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Martens	Mr. Cameron	Mr. Paterson
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Casey	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Clark	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. Francis	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Corser	Mr. Sheehan	Mr. Gregory	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ward	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Spender
Mr. Forde	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Hawker	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Frost		Mr. Holt	Mr. Street
Mr. Green		Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Jennings	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Gander	Mr. Jolly	
Mr. Mahoney	Mr. George Lawson	Sir Charles Marr	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. McCall	Mr. Gardner
		Mr. McEwen	Mr. Nock

And so it was negatived.

Item agreed to.

Items 21, 22, and 42 agreed to.  
Item 44, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
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By omitting the whole of sub-item (c) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—	*	*	*
(3) Caramel, caramel paste and caramel butter per lb.	1½d.	2d.	2¼d.
And in respect of paragraph (3)— For each £1 by which the equivalent in Australian currency of £100 sterling is less than £125 at the date of exportation— An additional duty of - per lb.	.02d.	.02d.	.02d.

Mr. Perkins (Acting Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the Item be amended by adding the following to paragraph (3) of sub-item (c) :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
(3) Caramel " And on and after 19th May, 1938 - per lb.	1½d.	2d.	2¼d.
And in respect of paragraph (3)— For each £1 by which the equivalent in Australian currency of £100 sterling is less than £125 at the date of exportation— An additional duty of - per lb.	.02d.	.02d.	.02d.

Question—put and passed.  
Item, as amended, agreed to.  
Items 56, 57, 64, 79, and 84 agreed to.  
Item 88 debated and agreed to.  
Item 89 agreed to.  
Item 105—  
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.  
Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at sixteen minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Anthony, Mr. Barnard, Mr. Collins, Mr. Fadden, Mr. James, Mr. Menzies, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Scully, and Mr. White.

F. C. GREEN,  
Clerk of the House of Representatives.