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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 110.

FRIDAY, 22ND SEPTEMBER, 1939.

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. PRINTING COMMITTEE—SIXTH REPORT.—Mr. Stacey, Chairman, brought up the Sixth Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate). The Report was read by the Clerk, as follows :—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have met in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, recommend that the following be printed :—

Additions to General Post Office, Sydney—Contract for Erection—Report of Royal Commission.

Anstralian Soldiers' Repatriation Act—War Pensions Entitlement Appeal Tribunals—Report for year 1938-39.

Commonwealth Grants Commission Act—Report of the Commonwealth Grants Commission on applications made by the States of South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania, for Financial Assistance in 1939-40 from the Commonwealth under Section 96 of the Constitution.

High Commissioner for Australia in London—Report for 1938.

National Debt Sinking Fund Act—National Debt Commission—Sixteenth Annual Report, for year 1938-39.

Papua and New Guinea—Report of Committee appointed to survey the possibility of establishing a combined administration, and to recommend a capital site.

Public Works Committee—Report relating to the proposed erection of a Hostel at Canberra, Australian Capital Territory.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the Australian Capital Territory for year 1938-39.

Supply and Development Act—Accountancy Advisory Panel—First Report (September, 1939).

F. H. STACEY,  
Chairman.

House of Representatives Committee Room,  
21st September, 1939.

Mr. Stacey moved, by leave, That the Report be agreed to.  
Question—put and passed.

3. CORNSACKS AND WOOLPACKS.—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. John Lawson (Minister for Trade and Customs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the determinations made and the action taken to control prices of cornsacks and woolpacks, and to ensure supplies.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
  - Tariff Board—Reports and Recommendations—
    - Bounty on sulphur.
    - Leather, rubber, canvas and composition belting ; also cotton and other textile belting suitable for use in elevator, conveyor and like systems, and for power transmission purposes.
    - Tinplate.
    - Traction engines.
 Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
  - Liquid Fuels—Commonwealth Standing Committee—Fourth Report, dated 25th July, 1939. Ordered to lie on the Table.
 The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
  - National Security Act—
    - National Security (Aliens Control) Regulations—Order under Regulation 24.
    - National Security (General) Regulations—
      - Orders—
        - Air Restrictions.
        - Broadcasting Censorship.

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Navigation.  
 Post and Telegraph Censorship.  
 Prohibited Places.  
 Wireless Stations Control.

Rules—National Security (Advisory Committee).

Science and Industry Research Act—Thirteenth Annual Report of Council for year 1938–39.  
 Supply and Development Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1939, Nos. 97, 98, 99.

5. SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1939–40.—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. Makin reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Spender (Minister assisting the Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 505) the Bill was read a third time.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC SERVICE BILL 1939.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

*Message No. 106.*

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Commonwealth Public Service Act 1922–1937 ’, and for other purposes* ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

J. B. HAYES,  
 President.

The Senate,  
 Canberra, 21st September, 1939.

Mr. John Lawson (Minister for Trade and Customs) 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.

7. TRACTOR BOUNTY BILL 1939.—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.*)

Clauses 1 to 22 agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Price reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. John Lawson (Minister for Trade and Customs), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 509) the Bill was read a third time.

8. SULPHUR BOUNTY BILL 1939.—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. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. John Lawson (Minister for Trade and Customs), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 510) the Bill was read a third time.

9. WIRE NETTING BOUNTY BILL 1939.—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.

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Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. John Lawson (Minister for Trade and Customs), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, see page 510) the Bill was read a third time.

10. RAW COTTON BOUNTY BILL 1939.—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.

Mr. Francis addressing the House and not having concluded his speech—the House ordered that the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

11. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act—Statement for year 1938–39.  
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired—

For Defence purposes—

Cairns, Queensland.

Rathmines, New South Wales.

For Postal purposes—Claremont, Tasmania.

12. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 12), CUSTOMS TARIFF (EXCHANGE ADJUSTMENT) AMENDMENT (NO. 5), AND CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADIAN PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (NO. 4).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. John Lawson (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved—

CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 12).

That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1933–1939, as proposed to be amended by Customs Tariff Proposals, be further amended as hereunder set out, and that on and after the twenty-third day of September, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Australian Capital Territory, Duties of Customs be collected in pursuance of the *Customs Tariff* 1933–1939 as so amended.

That in this Resolution "Customs Tariff Proposals" means the Customs Tariff Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the following dates, namely :—

3rd May, 1939 ;

8th September, 1939 ;

14th September, 1939 ; and

21st September, 1939.

IMPORT DUTIES.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff	General Tariff.
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DIVISION V.—TEXTILES, FELTS AND FURS, AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND ATTIRE.

105. By omitting the whole of sub-paragraphs (b) and (c) of paragraph (1) of sub-item (A) and inserting in their stead the following sub-paragraph :—

"(b) Cotton piece goods and piece goods containing a mixture of fibres in which cotton predominates, weighing more than 4 ounces per square yard but less than 18 ounces per square yard, of types which either as imported or when further processed are principally used for manufacture into men's or boys' overcoats (other than dustcoats) coats vests trousers knickers (not being underwear) aprons or overalls (excepting piece goods enumerated in sub-items (AA) and (F) and piece goods ordinarily used as linings or interlinings)—  
per lb.  
and ad val.

4d.  
30 per cent.

11d.  
50 per cent.

1s. 1d.  
50 per cent.

And in respect of sub-paragraph (b)—  
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 - - ad val.

.8 per cent.

.8 per cent.

.8 per cent."

DIVISION VI.—METALS AND MACHINERY.

176. By omitting the whole of paragraph (3) of sub-item (E) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :—

"(3) Washing machines—

(a) the value for duty of which does not exceed £600 each - - - ad val.

25 per cent.

42½ per cent.

53½ per cent.

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IMPORT DUTIES—*continued.*

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
<b>Division VI.—Metals and Machinery—<i>continued.</i></b>			
176— <i>continued.</i>			
(E) (3)— <i>continued.</i>			
(a)— <i>continued.</i>			
And in respect of sub-paragraph (a)— 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 - ad val.	.8 per cent.	.9 per cent.	.9 per cent.
(b) the value for duty of which exceeds £600 each—the rate of duty shall be the rate under sub-paragraph (a) reduced by 1/125th of the British Preferential Tariff rate for each £1 by which the value for duty exceeds £600, with minimum of ad val.	Free	15 per cent.	15 per cent."
By adding a new sub-item (q) as follows :— “(q) Hydro-extractors - ad val.	25 per cent.	42½ per cent.	52½ per cent.
And in respect of sub-item (q)— 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 - ad val.	.8 per cent.	.9 per cent.	.9 per cent."
180. By omitting the whole of paragraph (5) of sub-item (E) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— “(5) Rheostats, potentiometers, variable resistances, volume controls and tone controls of types incorporated in wireless receivers - each And in respect of paragraph (5)— 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 - each	4d.	6½d.	6½d.
.06d.	.06d.	.06d."	
181. By omitting the whole of sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (1) of sub-item (E) and inserting in its stead the following sub-paragraph :— (a) Copper wire (in round, square or other shapes) including stranded or twisted copper wire, whether plain or tinned (but not including weatherproof braided aerial cable prescribed by Departmental By-laws under sub-paragraph (d) of this sub-item), viz. :— When covered with cotton only, the covering being impregnated; when covered with paper only or with paper and cotton only, the covering being either impregnated or not - ad val.	20 per cent.	37½ per cent.	45 per cent.
And in respect of sub-paragraph (a)— (a)— 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 ad val.	.3 per cent.	.3 per cent.	.3 per cent."

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IMPORT DUTIES—*continued.*

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
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**Division VI.—Metals and Machinery—*continued.***

193. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :—			
" 193. Capsules, metallic, for bottles - - ad val.	35 per cent.	55 per cent.	60 per cent.
And 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 - - ad val.	.4 per cent.	.4 per cent.	.4 per cent."

**DIVISION XIII.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.**

334. By omitting the whole of paragraph (2) of sub-item (c). By omitting the whole of sub-item (F) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
" (F) Irrespective of size or shape but not ruled or printed in any way, viz. :—			
Coated printing paper; glazed imitation parchment; printing paper n.e.i.; writing and typewriting paper not including duplicating paper—			
(1) In rolls less than 13 inches in width; in sheets less than 21 inches in length or less than 16½ inches in width - - ad val.	30 per cent.	50 per cent.	55 per cent.
And in respect of paragraph (1)—			
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 - - ad val.	.4 per cent.	.4 per cent.	.4 per cent.
(2) In rolls not less than 13 inches in width; in sheets not less than 21 inches in length and not less than 16½ inches in width—			
(a) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws - per ton	Free	£4	£4
(b) Other than paper prescribed by Departmental By-laws under sub-paragraph (a) per ton	£3 10s.	£7 10s.	£8
And in respect of sub-paragraph (b)—			
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 ton	2s. 9d.	2s. 9d.	2s. 9d."

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## IMPORT DUTIES—continued.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
<b>DIVISION XIV.—VEHICLES.</b>			
359. By adding as on and after 7th December, 1940, to paragraph (4) of sub-item (D) after "Bumper Bars," the following, viz., "Radiator Assemblies," By adding a new sub-item (J) as follows :— "On and after 7th December, 1940 (J) Radiator assemblies when imported for use as original equipment of any goods covered by sub-item (D) of Item 359 - per assembly And in respect of sub-item (J)— 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 assembly Radiator assemblies include the radiator core, upper and lower tanks, side members, anchorages, inlet and outlet sections, overflow pipe, baffle and filler neck but do not include the shell, filler cap or drain cock."	£1 5s.	£2	£2
	2.4d.	2.4d.	2.4d.

## CUSTOMS TARIFF (EXCHANGE ADJUSTMENT) AMENDMENT (No. 5).

That, on and after the twenty-third day of September, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Australian Capital Territory, the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Act 1933-1939* as proposed to be amended by Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the fourteenth day of September, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine, be further amended as follows :—

by omitting "105 (A) (1) (b)".

## CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADIAN PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (No. 4).

That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1934-1938*, as proposed to be amended by Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the fourteenth day of September, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine, be further amended as hereunder set out and that on and after the seventh day of December, One thousand nine hundred and forty, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Australian Capital Territory, Duties of Customs be collected in accordance with the *Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1934-1938* as so amended.

Tariff Item.	Tariff on goods the produce or manufacture of Canada.
<b>DIVISION XIV.—VEHICLES.</b>	
Ex 359. Vehicle parts, viz. :— By adding to paragraph (4) of sub-item (D) after "Bumper Bars," the following, viz., "Radiator Assemblies," By adding a new sub-item (J) as follows :— " (J) Radiator assemblies when imported for use as original equipment of any goods covered by sub-item (D) of Item 359 - per assembly And in respect of sub-item (J)— 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 assembly Radiator assemblies include the radiator core, upper and lower tanks, side members, anchorages, inlet and outlet sections, overflow pipe, baffle and filler neck but do not include the shell, filler cap or drain cock."	£1 12s. 6d.
	2.4d.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Fadden reported accordingly.

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

13. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SHIP BOUNTY BILL 1939.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 94.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the Payment of a Bounty on the Construction of Ships and Parts of Ships.

Canberra, 19th September, 1939.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

*(In the Committee.)*

Mr. John Lawson (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the Payment of a Bounty on the Construction of Ships and Parts of Ships.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Mr. John Lawson moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

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

Ordered—That Mr. John Lawson and Mr. Spender do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

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

Mr. Beasley moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

14. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 13), AND CUSTOMS TARIFF (EXCHANGE ADJUSTMENT AMENDMENT (NO. 6).—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

*(In the Committee.)*

Mr. John Lawson (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved—

CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 13).

That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1933–1939, as proposed to be amended by Customs Tariff Proposals, be further amended as hereunder set out, and that on and after a date to be fixed by Proclamation, duties of Customs be collected in pursuance of the *Customs Tariff* 1933–1939 as so amended.

That in this Resolution “Customs Tariff Proposals” means the Customs Tariff Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the following dates namely :—

- 3rd May, 1939 ;
- 8th September, 1939 ;
- 14th September, 1939 ;
- 21st September, 1939 ; and
- 22nd September, 1939 (other than these Proposals).

IMPORT DUTIES.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.

DIVISION VI.—METALS AND MACHINERY.

176. By adding a new sub-item (R) as follows :—

“(R) Machinery, boilers and auxiliaries, for use in the construction of vessels, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws

Free

Free

Free.”

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IMPORT DUTIES—*continued*.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
<b>DIVISION XVI.—MISCELLANEOUS.</b>			
424. By omitting the whole of sub-item (B) (twice occurring) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(B) Vessels, n.e.i., trading intrastate or interstate for any continuous period of three months or otherwise employed in Australian waters for any continuous period of three months— (1) Not exceeding 100 tons gross register; exceeding 100 tons gross register but not exceeding 500 tons gross register being vessels on which, if built in Australia, a bounty would not be payable - ad val. And in respect of paragraph (1)— 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 - ad val. (2) Other - - - - - ad val. By adding to sub-item (F) (second time occurring) a new paragraph (3) as follows :— “(3) Vessels exceeding 500 tons gross register in respect of which firm orders were placed with oversea suppliers before the 14th October, 1932, and which were entered at an Australian port before the 14th January, 1934 - - - - -	30 per cent.	50 per cent.	50 per cent.
	.6 per cent. Free	.6 per cent. 15 per cent.	.6 per cent. 15 per cent.”
	Free	Free	Free.”

## CUSTOMS TARIFF (EXCHANGE ADJUSTMENT) AMENDMENT (No. 6).

That, on and after a date to be fixed by Proclamation, the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Act 1933-1939* as proposed to be amended by Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Proposals be further amended by omitting “424 (B) (1)”.

That in this Resolution “Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Proposals” means the Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the following dates, namely :—

14th September, 1939; and  
22nd September, 1939 (other than these Proposals).

Progress 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.

*Suspension of Sitting.*—At twenty-eight minutes to five o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair.  
*Resumption of Sitting.*—At twenty-nine minutes past nine o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

[*Customs Tariff Bill (No. 2) 1939*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 107.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act relating to Duties of Customs*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 22nd September, 1939.

[*Excise Tariff Bill 1939*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 108.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act relating to Duties of Excise*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 22nd September, 1939.

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[*Income Tax Assessment Bill 1939*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 109.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Income Tax Assessment Act 1936-1938'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 22nd September, 1939.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

[*Income Tax Bill 1939*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 110.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to impose a Tax upon Incomes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

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J. B. HAYES,  
President.

[*Sales Tax Exemptions Bill 1939*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 111.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Sales Tax Exemptions Act 1935-1938' to exempt certain Defence Supplies and Plant and Building Materials for use in connexion with the manufacture of Defence Supplies*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

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J. B. HAYES,  
President.

[*States Grants Bill 1939*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 112.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund sums for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the States of South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

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Canberra, 22nd September, 1939.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

[*Flour Tax (Wheat Industry Assistance) Assessment Bill 1939*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 113.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to insert provisions in the 'Flour Tax (Wheat Industry Assistance) Assessment Act 1938' relating to certain declarations made by the Minister*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

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J. B. HAYES,  
President.

[*Loan Bill 1939*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 114.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of a certain Sum of Money*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 22nd September, 1939.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

[*Supplementary Appropriation Bill 1937-38*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 115.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-eight*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 22nd September, 1939.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

[*Supplementary Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Bill 1937-38*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 116.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-eight, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 22nd September, 1939.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

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## [Tractor Bounty Bill 1939]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 117.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to provide for the Payment of a Bounty on the Production of Tractors", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 22nd September, 1939.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

## [Sulphur Bounty Bill 1939]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 118.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to provide for the payment of a Bounty on the Production of Sulphur", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 22nd September, 1939.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

## [Wire Netting Bounty Bill 1939]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 119.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to provide for the Payment of a Bounty on the Production of Wire Netting", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 22nd September, 1939.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

## [Defence Bill (No. 2) 1939]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 120.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to amend the 'Defence Act 1903-1939'", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 22nd September, 1939.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

## [Supply Bill (No. 2) 1939-40]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 121.

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 forty", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 22nd September, 1939.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

## [Supply and Development Bill (No. 2) 1939]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 122.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to amend the 'Supply and Development Act 1939'", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 22nd September, 1939.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

## 16. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Tariff Board—Reports and Recommendations—

Hydro extractors.

Laundry washing machines.

Metallic capsules for bottles.

Paper :—Fine printings and writings.

Rheostats potentiometers and variable resistances of the types incorporated in wireless receivers.

Wristlet watches n.e.i. and cases therefor.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—

Petroleum Oil Search Acts—Statement of Expenditure from 28th May, 1936, to 30th June, 1939.

17. HOSTEL, CANBERRA—APPROVAL OF WORK.—Mr. Perkins (Minister representing the Minister for the Interior) moved, by leave, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1936*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work, which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report, and on which the Committee has duly reported to this House the result of its inquiries :—  
Erection of a Hostel at Canberra, in the Australian Capital Territory  
Question—put and passed.

22nd September, 1939.

18. WAYS AND MEANS—EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 6).—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. Spender (Minister assisting the Treasurer) moved—

1. That on and after the fifteenth day of September, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Territory for the Seat of Government, Duty of Excise be collected on all gold produced at any time in Australia or in any Territory under the authority of the Commonwealth of Australia and delivered in Australia or in any such Territory to the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (in these resolutions referred to as "the Bank") or an agent of the Bank after the time aforementioned.

2. That the amount of the Duty of Excise imposed in pursuance of these resolutions in respect of any gold so produced or delivered by any person be one-half of the amount by which the amount payable by the Bank in respect of the gold so produced and delivered exceeds an amount calculated at the rate of Nine Pounds for each ounce of fine gold contained in the gold so produced and delivered.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Nairn reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

19. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That leave of absence be given to every Member of the House of Representatives from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next sitting.

Question—put and passed.

20. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, which time of meeting shall be notified by Mr. Speaker to each Member by telegram or letter.

Question—put and passed.

21. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seventeen minutes to ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, and to be notified by him to each Member by telegram or letter as determined by Resolution of the House at this sitting.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Gregory, Mr. Hunter, Mr. McCall, and Sir Earle Page.

F. C. GREEN,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*