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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 120.

FRIDAY, 1ST DECEMBER, 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. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Apple and Pear Organization Act—First Report of the Australian Apple and Pear Board, for period ended 30th June, 1939, together with Statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.  
Bankruptcy Act—Eleventh Annual Report by Attorney-General, for year ended 31st July, 1939.  
Norfolk Island Act—Ordinance of 1939—No. 4—Matrimonial Causes.
3. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 11).—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 21st September, 1939 (pages 503-4)].  
Item 229 debated and agreed to.

Preliminary paragraphs—

On the motion of Mr. John Lawson (Minister for Trade and Customs), the following amendment was made :—Paragraph (5.), omit the definition of " Customs Tariff Proposals ", insert the following :—  
" ' Customs Tariff Proposals ' means the Customs Tariff Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the 8th September, 1939 ".

Preliminary paragraphs, as amended, 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. 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. Street do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

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

*(In the Committee.)*

[See proposed Resolution for Customs Tariff Amendment of the 8th September, 1939 (pages 453-6)].  
Item 266 debated and agreed to.

Items 434 and 442 agreed to.

Preliminary paragraphs—

On the motion of Mr. John Lawson (Minister for Trade and Customs), the following amendment was made :—Paragraph (1.), omit the paragraph, insert the following paragraph :—

" (1.) That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1933-1939 be amended as hereinafter set out, and that, on and after the ninth 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."

Preliminary paragraphs, as amended, agreed to.

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

1st December, 1939.

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. 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. Street do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

5. CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL (No. 3) 1939.—Mr. John Lawson (Minister for Trade and Customs), pursuant to Orders of the House, made this day, with reference to Resolutions relating to Customs Tariff Amendments (Nos. 8 and 11), 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. John Lawson 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. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. John Lawson, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

6. 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 8th September, 1939 (pages 456-7), and of the 21st September, 1939 (page 504).]

Mr. John Lawson (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the Excise Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on 21st September, 1939, be incorporated in the Excise Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on 8th September, 1939.

Question—put and passed.

Items 1 and 2 agreed to.

Item 11 (with amendment of 21st September, 1939, incorporated) agreed to.

Preliminary paragraphs—

On the motion of Mr. John Lawson, the preliminary paragraph of Excise Tariff Amendment (No. 4) was omitted, and the following preliminary paragraph inserted in place thereof:—

"That the Schedule to the *Excise Tariff* 1921-1939 be amended as hereunder set out and that on and after the ninth 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 Excise be collected in pursuance of the *Excise Tariff* 1921-1939 as so amended."

Preliminary paragraphs, as amended, 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. 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. Street do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

7. EXCISE TARIFF BILL (No. 2) 1939.—Mr. John Lawson (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. John Lawson 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. John Lawson, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

8. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 10).—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

1st December, 1939.

*(In the Committee.)*

[See proposed Resolution for Customs Tariff Amendment of the 14th September, 1939 (pages 471-83)].

General debate ensued on the first Item

General debate concluded.

Item 16 agreed to.

Item 27 debated.

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.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—WINE EXPORT BOUNTY BILL 1939.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

Mr. SPEAKER,

Message No. 124.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to provide for the Payment of Bounty on the Export of Fortified Wine, and for other purposes", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 1st December, 1939.

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

Mr. SPEAKER,

Message No. 123.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "An Act to amend the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918-1934", and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

J. B. HAYES,  
President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 1st December, 1939, a.m.

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.

11. WAYS AND MEANS—GOLD TAX.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

*(In the Committee.)*

Mr. Spender (Acting Treasurer) moved—

1. That a tax be imposed upon gold (other than—

(a) gold imported into Australia from any place not being a Territory of the Commonwealth of Australia;

(b) gold coin; and

(c) wrought gold),

delivered, either in Australia or in a Territory of the Commonwealth of Australia, to the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, or to an agent of that Bank, on or after the fifteenth day of September, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine.

2. That the amount of tax so imposed be one-half of the amount by which the amount payable by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia in respect of gold so delivered exceeds an amount calculated at the rate of Nine pounds for each ounce of fine gold contained in the gold so delivered.

3. That the Treasurer be empowered to direct, by notice published in the *Gazette*, that, for the purposes of the tax imposed by the Act passed to give effect to these resolutions, gold includes gold coin and wrought gold delivered to the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, or to an agent of that Bank, and thereupon tax be imposed, in accordance with these resolutions upon gold coin and wrought gold so delivered.

Question—put and passed.

Resolutions 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. Spender 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 Resolutions reported from the Committee were read, and, on the motion of Mr. Spender, were adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Spender and Mr. Perkins do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

12. GOLD TAX BILL 1939 [No. 2].—Mr. Spender (Acting Treasurer) then brought up a Bill intituled "A Bill for an Act to impose a Tax upon Gold", and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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

Mr. Green 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.

1st December, 1939.

13. GOLD TAX COLLECTION BILL 1939 [No. 2].—Mr. Spender (Acting Treasurer) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to the Imposition and Collection of a Tax upon Gold. Question—put and passed.  
Mr. Spender 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. Spender moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Mr. Green 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. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—LOAN BILL (No. 2) 1939.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 102.*

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 moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of a certain Sum of Money.

Canberra, 30th November, 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. Spender (Acting Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of a certain Sum of Money.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Mr. Spender 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. Spender, was adopted by the House.

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

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

Mr. Forde 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.

15. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Spender (Acting Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twelve minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Casey, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Makin, Mr. Maloney, Sir Charles Marr, Mr. McCall, and Mr. Scholfield.

F. C. GREEN,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*