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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 16.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND MAY, 1940.

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. AUSTRALIA'S INCREASED WAR EFFORT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the decisions of the Government and the measures proposed to be taken to increase and accelerate Australia's war effort. Mr. Menzies then, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—
Australia's Increased War Effort—Ministerial Statement—
and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) 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.
3. MOTOR VEHICLES AGREEMENT BILL 1940.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), pursuant to leave given on the 3rd instant, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to approve the Execution of an Agreement between the Commonwealth and Australian Consolidated Industries Limited with respect to the Manufacture of Motor Vehicles, and for other purposes*", and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. Menzies moved, by leave, That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.
Question—put and passed.
4. SUGAR AGREEMENT BILL 1940.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Spender (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) 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.
5. TRADE AGREEMENT (GREECE) BILL 1940.—Mr. Spender (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to approve an Agreement between the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia and the Government of the Kingdom of Greece.
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. 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 a later hour this day.

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6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 2 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 3, Government Business.
7. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL 1940.—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 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3—

On the motion of Mr. Spender (Treasurer), the following amendment was made :—

Page 2, after line 7 insert the following proviso :—

“ Provided that this paragraph shall not apply to any pay or allowances so earned during the year of income by a member of the Forces who does not at any time during the period commencing on the Third day of September, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine and terminating one year after the close of that year of income—

(i) in the case of a member of the Naval Forces of the Commonwealth—serve in a sea-going ship ; or

(ii) in the case of a member of the Military or Air Forces of the Commonwealth—embark for service outside Australia.”

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 4 to 13 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Collins reported accordingly.

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

8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 2 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 4, Government Business.
9. WAYS AND MEANS—INCOME TAX.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

*(In the Committee.)*Debate resumed on the motion moved by Mr. Spender (Treasurer) on the 8th May, 1940 (*see* pages 26–28).

Motion agreed to.

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

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

10. INCOME TAX BILL 1940.—Mr. Spender (Treasurer) then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to impose a Tax upon Incomes* ”, 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.
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. Spender, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

11. PETROLEUM OIL SEARCH BILL 1940.—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. Spender (Treasurer) 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 a later hour this day.

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12. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 2), CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADIAN PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (No. 1), CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (No. 1), AND CUSTOMS TARIFF (EXCHANGE ADJUSTMENT) AMENDMENT (No. 1).—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Spender (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved—

CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 2).

That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1933-1939, as proposed to be amended by Customs Tariff Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the second day of May, One thousand nine hundred and forty, be further amended as hereinafter set out, and that, on and after the twenty-third day of May, 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 pursuance of the *Customs Tariff* 1933-1939 as so amended.

IMPORT DUTIES.

| Tariff Items. | British Preferential Tariff. | Intermediate Tariff. | General Tariff. |
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DIVISION IV.—AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND GROCERIES.

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| 44. By adding a new sub-item (c) as follows :— “ (c) Chewing gum and chewing gum confectionery per lb. or ad val. whichever rate returns the higher duty. And in respect of sub-item (c)— 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. or ad val. whichever is applicable.” | 3½d. 45 per cent. | 4d. 65 per cent. | 5d. 75 per cent. |
| 53. By omitting the whole of sub-item (b) (twice occurring) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “ (b) Dates - - - - - per lb. | 4d. | 4d. | 4d.” |

DIVISION V.—TEXTILES, FELTS AND FURS, AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND ATTIRE.

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| 122. By omitting the whole of sub-item (v) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “ (v) Cotton material of the type ordinarily used in the manufacture of pneumatic rubber tyres, viz. :— (1) Cotton cord fabric and cotton tyre fabric in the piece, being loosely woven or consisting of a number of lengths of cotton cord loosely held together by weft threads inserted at intervals ad val. (2) Cotton cord, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - - ad val. And in respect of sub-item (v)— On and after a date to be fixed by Proclamation— (v) Cotton material of the type ordinarily used in the manufacture of pneumatic rubber tyres, viz. :— (1) Cotton cord fabric and cotton tyre fabric in the piece, being loosely woven or consisting of a number of lengths of cotton cord loosely held together by weft threads inserted at intervals ad val. and per lb. | 5 per cent. 5 per cent. | 25 per cent. 25 per cent. | 25 per cent. 25 per cent. |
| | 5 per cent. ½d. | 25 per cent. ½d. | 25 per cent. ½d. |

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IMPORT DUTIES—*continued.*

| Tariff Items. | British Preferential Tariff. | Intermediate Tariff. | General Tariff. |
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| Division V.—Textiles, Felts and Furs, and Manufactures thereof, and Attire—<i>continued.</i> | | | |
| 122— <i>continued.</i> | | | |
| (v)— <i>continued.</i> | | | |
| (2) Cotton cord, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - - ad val. and per lb. | 5 per cent. $\frac{1}{4}$ d. | 25 per cent. $\frac{1}{4}$ d. | 25 per cent. $\frac{1}{4}$ d." |
| 130. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item:— | | | |
| " 130. Canvas and duck— | | | |
| (A) Waterproofed by treatment with any substance—to be dutiable at the rates which, were it not for the waterproofing treatment, would otherwise apply under sub-item (u), and, in addition | | | |
| per square yard | 1d. | 1d. | 1d. |
| (u) Not waterproofed by treatment with any substance— | | | |
| (1) Cotton or containing a mixture of fibres in which cotton predominates— | | | |
| (a) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws— | | | |
| (1) Unbleached, not being printed dyed or coloured | | | |
| per square yard | $\frac{1}{2}$ d. | 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ d. | 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. |
| or ad val. | 5 per cent. | .. | .. |
| whichever rate returns the lower duty. | | | |
| (2) Bleached, not being printed dyed or coloured | | | |
| per square yard | $\frac{1}{2}$ d. | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. | 3d. |
| or ad val. | 5 per cent. | .. | .. |
| whichever rate returns the lower duty. | | | |
| (3) Printed, dyed or coloured | | | |
| per square yard | $\frac{1}{2}$ d. | 2d. | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. |
| or ad val. | 5 per cent. | .. | .. |
| whichever rate returns the lower duty. | | | |
| And in respect of sub-paragraph (a)— | | | |
| On and after a date to be fixed by Proclamation— | | | |
| (a) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws | | | |
| per square yard | 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ d. | 5d. | 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ d. |
| And in respect of sub-paragraph (a) (second time occurring)— | | | |
| 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. |

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IMPORT DUTIES—*continued.*

| Tariff Items. | British Preferential Tariff. | Intermediate Tariff. | General Tariff. |
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Division V.—Textiles, Felts and Furs, and Manufactures thereof, and Attire—*continued.*

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| 130— <i>continued.</i> | | | |
| (n)— <i>continued.</i> | | | |
| (1)— <i>continued.</i> | | | |
| (b) Otherwise - - - 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. | | | |
| (2) Other - - - ad val. | .8 per cent. 5 per cent. | .8 per cent. 25 per cent. | .8 per cent. 25 per cent." |

DIVISION VI.—METALS AND MACHINERY.

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| 174. By omitting the whole of paragraph (12) of sub-item (m). | | | |
| 176. By omitting the whole of sub-item (o) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(o) Lifting jacks - - - each - - - or ad val. whichever rate returns the higher duty. And in respect of sub-item (o)— 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 - - - or ad val. whichever is applicable.” | 5s. 6d. 25 per cent. | 6s. 6d. 45 per cent. | 7s. 6d. 65 per cent. |
| 177. By adding a new sub-paragraph (d) to paragraph (3) of sub-item (b) as follows :— “(d) Cylinder sleeve assemblies, pistons and piston assemblies - - - ad val. And in respect of sub-paragraph (d)— 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. | ¼d. .8 per cent. | ¼d. .8 per cent. | ¼d. .8 per cent." |
| 177. By adding a new sub-paragraph (d) to paragraph (3) of sub-item (b) as follows :— “(d) Cylinder sleeve assemblies, pistons and piston assemblies - - - ad val. And in respect of sub-paragraph (d)— 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. | 25 per cent. | 45 per cent. | 55 per cent. |
| 208. By omitting the whole of sub-item (j). By adding a new sub-item (κ) as follows :— “(κ) Cooking stoves and cooking ranges designed to function on the heat storage principle but not including cooking stoves and cooking ranges using gas or electricity - - - ad val. And in respect of sub-item (κ)— 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. 25 per cent. .4 per cent. | .8 per cent. 42½ per cent. .5 per cent. | .8 per cent." 47½ per cent. .5 per cent." |

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IMPORT DUTIES—*continued.*

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Division VI.—Metals and Machinery—*continued.*

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| 219. By adding a new sub-item (F) as follows :— | | | |
| “ (F) Files - - - - - ad val. | 7½ per cent. | 22½ per cent. | 22½ per cent. |
| And in respect of sub-item (F)— | | | |
| 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. | .7 per cent. | .8 per cent. | .8 per cent.” |

DIVISION VIII.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS, AND STONE.

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| 254. By omitting the whole of sub-item (c) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— | | | |
| “ (c) Gum copal, gum damar, sticklac and seedlac ; balata, gutta percha and jelutong, n.e.i. ad val. | Free | 15 per cent. | 15 per cent.” |
| By adding a new sub-item (D) as follows :— | | | |
| “ (D) Chiclé and other gums and gum mixtures, for use in the manufacture of chewing gum and chewing gum confectionery - - - - - per lb. | 9d. | 9d. | 9d. |
| and ad val. | .. | 15 per cent. | 15 per cent.” |

DIVISION IX.—DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.

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| 289. By omitting the whole of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— | | | |
| “ (A) Glycerine - - - - - ad val. | Free | 15 per cent. | 15 per cent. |
| And in respect of sub-item (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. | .6 per cent. | .6 per cent. | .6 per cent.” |

DIVISION XI.—JEWELLERY AND FANCY GOODS.

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| 318. By omitting the whole of sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (4) of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-paragraph :— | | | |
| “ (a) Wristlet watches n.e.i. and cases therefor, viz. :— | | | |
| (1) Nickel-plated, nickel alloy, chromium-plated, and steel - - - - - ad val. each | 10 per cent. 1s. 9d. | 30 per cent. 2s. 9d. | 30 per cent. 2s. 10½d. |
| or { 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 each | .12d. | .12d. | .12d. |
| whichever rate returns the higher duty. | | | |
| (2) Other - - - - - each | 3s. 6d. | 7s. 6d. | 7s. 6d. |
| or ad val. whichever rate returns the higher duty. | 10 per cent. | 30 per cent. | 30 per cent. |

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IMPORT DUTIES—*continued.*

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Division XI.—Jewellery and Fancy Goods—*continued.*

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| <p>And in respect of sub-paragraph (a)— On and after 1st July, 1940</p> <p>(a) Wristlet watches n.e.i. and cases therefor, viz. :—</p> <p>(1) Nickel-plated, nickel alloy, chromium-plated, and steel - - - ad val.</p> <p>10 per cent.</p> <p>30 per cent.</p> <p>30 per cent.</p> <p>1s. 9d.</p> <p>2s. 9d.</p> <p>2s. 10½d.</p> <p>and for each £1 by which the equivalent in Australian currency of £100 sterling is less than £125 at the date of exportation—</p> <p>or</p> <p>An additional duty of each</p> <p>.12d.</p> <p>.12d.</p> <p>.12d.</p> <p>whichever rate returns the higher duty.</p> <p>And, as regards movements encased in any watch entered under this clause—</p> <p>An additional duty on the value of the movement of</p> <p>ad val.</p> <p>20 per cent.</p> <p>50 per cent.</p> <p>50 per cent.</p> <p>(2) Other - - - - - each</p> <p>3s. 6d.</p> <p>7s. 6d.</p> <p>7s. 6d.</p> <p>or ad val.</p> <p>10 per cent.</p> <p>30 per cent.</p> <p>30 per cent.</p> <p>whichever rate returns the higher duty.</p> <p>And, as regards movements encased in any watch entered under this clause—</p> <p>An additional duty on the value of the movement of</p> <p>ad val.</p> <p>20 per cent.</p> <p>50 per cent.</p> <p>50 per cent."</p> <p>By omitting the whole of sub-item (b) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—</p> <p>"(b) (1) Clock movements - - - - - ad val.</p> <p>10 per cent.</p> <p>30 per cent.</p> <p>30 per cent.</p> <p>(2) Watch movements of the type ordinarily used in the manufacture of wristlet watches</p> <p>ad val.</p> <p>20 per cent.</p> <p>50 per cent.</p> <p>50 per cent.</p> <p>(3) Watch movements n.e.i.—</p> <p>(a) For use in the manufacture of watches not being wristlet watches, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws</p> <p>ad val.</p> <p>Free</p> <p>15 per cent.</p> <p>15 per cent.</p> <p>(b) Other - - - - - ad val.</p> <p>10 per cent.</p> <p>30 per cent.</p> <p>30 per cent."</p> | | | |
| <p>320. By omitting the whole of sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (1) of sub-item (c) and inserting in its stead the following sub-paragraph :—</p> <p>"(b) Otherwise—</p> <p>(1) Up to and including 16 millimetres in width</p> <p>per lineal foot</p> <p>¼d.</p> <p>¼d.</p> <p>¼d.</p> <p>(2) Over 16 millimetres in width</p> <p>per lineal foot</p> <p>1d.</p> <p>1d.</p> <p>1d."</p> | | | |

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IMPORT DUTIES—*continued*.

| Tariff Items. | British Preferential Tariff. | Intermediate Tariff. | General Tariff. |
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| DIVISION XVI.—MISCELLANEOUS. | | | |
| 371A. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “ 371A. Articles imported or purchased in bond for the official use of the High Commissioner in the Commonwealth of Australia of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and declared as being for such official use ; articles and personal effects owned and imported by Officers of the British Civil Service on the staff of the High Commissioner in the Commonwealth of Australia of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom, provided such goods are imported within six months of the arrival of such official or within such further time as the Minister may allow - - - | Free | Free | Free.” |
| 371B. By adding a new item 371B as follows :— “ 371B. Articles imported or purchased in bond for the official use of the High Commissioner for Canada in the Commonwealth of Australia and for the official use of the High Commissioner for any other Dominion in the Commonwealth of Australia and declared as being for such official use ; articles and personal effects owned and imported by Officers of the Canadian Civil Service on the staff of the High Commissioner for Canada in the Commonwealth of Australia and by Officers of the Civil Service of any other Dominion on the staff of the High Commissioner for that Dominion in the Commonwealth of Australia, provided such goods are imported within six months of the arrival of such official or within such further time as the Minister may allow - - - | Free | Free | Free.” |
| 397. By omitting the whole of paragraph (1) of sub-item (b) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— “ (1) Of the type known as Chinese crackers ; sparklers ; Bengal lights (also referred to as Bengal matches) ad val. | 20 per cent. | 37½ per cent. | 37½ 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. | .6 per cent. | .7 per cent. | .7 per cent.” |
| 418. By omitting the whole of paragraph (1) of sub-item (c) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— “ (1) Barographs ; barometers and barometer movements ; calorimeters ; cathetometers ; dividing engines for graduating bars, tubes and circles ; kymographs and time markers ; dial micrometers ; hygrometers ; microtomes ; spherometers ; thermostats ; microscopical, mineralogical and blow pipe cabinets (fitted) ; mercury vacuum pumps ; viscosimeters ; vacuum ovens for laboratories ; drawing, mathematical and surveying instruments n.e.i., but not including tripods ad val. | Free | 20 per cent. | 20 per cent.” |

CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADIAN PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (NO. 1).

That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1934-1939* be amended as hereinafter set out, and that on and after the twenty-third day of May, 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 pursuance of the *Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1934-1939* as so amended.

| Tariff Item. | Tariff on goods the produce or manufacture of Canada. |
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| DIVISION VI.—METALS AND MACHINERY. | |
| By inserting the following:— | |
| " 176. (o) Lifting jacks - - - - - each - - - - - or ad val. - - - - - whichever rate returns the higher duty. | 6s. 6d. 25 per cent. |
| And in respect of sub-item (o)— | |
| 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 - - - - - or ad val. - - - - - whichever is applicable." | ½d. .8 per cent. |

CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (NO. 1).

That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) 1933-1934* be amended as hereinafter set out and that, on and after the twenty-third day of May, 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 (New Zealand Preference) 1933-1934* as so amended.

| Consecutive No. | Tariff Item. | Tariff rates on goods the produce or manufacture of New Zealand. |
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| By inserting, after the particulars specified opposite Consecutive No. 5, the following:— | | |
| " 5A | 44 (a) Chewing gum and chewing gum confectionery - - - per lb. - - - - - or ad val. - - - - - whichever rate returns the higher duty." | 3½d. 45 per cent. |

CUSTOMS TARIFF (EXCHANGE ADJUSTMENT) AMENDMENT (NO. 1).

That on and after the twenty-third day of May, One thousand nine hundred and forty, 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* be amended as follows:—

by omitting " 130 (A) " and " 130 (B) (1) (b) " ;
by omitting " 289 (A) " .

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.

13. PETROLEUM OIL SEARCH BILL 1940.—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.)

Clause 1.—

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.

14. MOTOR VEHICLES AGREEMENT BILL 1940.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) 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.

22nd May, 1940.

15. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—PETROLEUM OIL SEARCH BILL 1940.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and were read by Mr. Speaker:—

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 5.*

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 amend the *Petroleum Oil Search Acts 1936*.

Canberra, 22nd May, 1940.

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 6.*

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 an amendment to be moved by the Assistant Minister to a Bill for an Act to amend the *Petroleum Oil Search Acts 1936*.

Canberra, 22nd May, 1940.

Ordered—That the foregoing Messages 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. Nock (Minister representing the Minister for the Interior) moved the following motions—

(1) That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Petroleum Oil Search Acts 1936*.

(2) That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of an amendment to be moved by the Assistant Minister to a Bill for an Act to amend the *Petroleum Oil Search Acts 1936*.

Question—That the motions be agreed to—put and passed.

Resolutions to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Price reported accordingly.

The said Resolutions were read, and, on the motion of Mr. Nock, by leave, were adopted by the House.

16. PETROLEUM OIL SEARCH BILL 1940.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—

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

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2—

On the motion of Mr. Nock (Minister representing the Minister for the Interior), the following amendment was made, after debate:—

Page 2, at the end of paragraph (b) add the following paragraph:—

“; and (e) for the purpose of advances to persons engaged in the initial stages of the production of petroleum.”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

17. IMMIGRATION BILL 1940.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Nock

(Minister representing the Minister for the Interior) 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.

18. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

National Security Act—National Security (General) Regulations—Orders—

Protected area.

Use of land.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-three minutes to 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. Barnard, Mr. Conelan, Mr. Holt, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Hutchinson, Sir Earle Page, Mr. White*, and Mr. Wilson.

* On leave.

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