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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 56.

TUESDAY, 18TH NOVEMBER, 1941.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable W. M. Nairn) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. DEATH OF THE HONORABLE J. C. WATSON.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) informed the House of the death this morning of the Honorable J. C. Watson, and moved, That this House expresses its profound regret at the death of the Honorable John Christian Watson, a former Member of the New South Wales and Commonwealth Parliaments, and Prime Minister and Treasurer of the Commonwealth from April to August, 1904, places on record its appreciation of his distinguished public service, and tenders its deep sympathy to his widow and daughter in their bereavement.  
And Mr. Hughes having seconded the motion, and Mr. Spooner having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence  
Question—passed.
3. SUSPENSION OF SITTING AS MARK OF RESPECT.—As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased gentleman, the sitting was thereupon suspended until eight o'clock p.m.
4. RESUMPTION OF SITTING.—At eight o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.
5. PRICE OF TEA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the basis for the determination of the price of tea in Australia and of the reasons for the recent increase in price.
6. CASH AND CONVERSION LOAN—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement announcing that the £100,000,000 Cash and Conversion Loan had been fully subscribed.
7. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Taxation on ex-Australian Incomes—Report of Special Committee.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.  
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1941—  
No. 31—Commonwealth Storemen and Packers' Union.  
No. 32—Australian Postal Electricians' Union.  
Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, No. 260.  
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Defence purposes—  
Auburn, South Australia.  
Brighton, Tasmania.  
Charters Towers, Queensland.  
Coen, Queensland.  
Cunderdin, Western Australia.  
Nhill, Victoria.  
Port Pirie, South Australia.  
National Security Act—  
National Security (Prisoners of War) Regulations—Rules—Trial of Prisoners of War.  
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, Nos. 244, 251, 256.
8. SALES TAX (EXEMPTIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS) BILL 1941.—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—  
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—

Mr. Paterson moved, as an amendment, That the following paragraph be inserted after paragraph

(h) :—

“(ha) by omitting from Item 122 the words ‘and barbed wire’ and inserting in their stead the words ‘barbed wire and iron or steel wire of gauge 6 to 14’; and”.

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Debate ensued.

Question—That the paragraph proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

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

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. McCall
Mr. Anthony	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Badman	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Beck	Mr. Menzies
Sir George Bell	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Paterson
Mr. Collins	Mr. Price
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Spender
Mr. Francis	Mr. Spooner
Mr. Harrison	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Holt	
Mr. Hutchinson	
Mr. Jolly	<i>Tellers:</i>
Sir Charles Marr	Mr. Corser
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Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Makin
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Martens
Mr. Breen	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Clark	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Coles	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scully
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Ward
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Forde	
Mr. Frost	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Conelan
Mr. James	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Johnson	

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 4—

Mr. Lazzarini (Minister assisting the Treasurer) moved, as an amendment, That all words after "omitting" (page 4, line 2) be omitted and the following words inserted in place thereof:—  
"Division I., sub-items (1), (2) and (3) of Item 3, Item 4, Divisions III. and IV., sub-items (1), (5), (6), (8), (10), (12), (14) and (15) of Item 19, Divisions VI. and VIII. and Items 38, 39, 41, 42, 45, 46, 47 and 48."

Mr. Paterson moved, as an amendment upon the proposed amendment, That "and IV." be omitted from the words proposed to be inserted.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment upon the proposed amendment be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. McDonald
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Mr. Beck	Mr. Nairn
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And so it was negatived.

Original amendment agreed to.

Mr. Paterson moved, as a further amendment, That the following sub-clause be added to the clause:—

"(2.) The amendments effected by the last preceding sub-section, in so far as they omit Division III. of the Second Schedule to the Principal Act, shall not apply to any goods covered by that Division which are for use in the construction of any irrigation, water supply, drainage or sewerage works carried out on behalf of any public authority charged with the construction of any such works, if the construction is in pursuance of a contract or agreement entered into prior to the thirtieth day of October, One thousand nine hundred and forty-one."

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 5—

On the motion of Mr. Lazzarini, the following amendment was made:—

Page 4, after line 36 insert the following paragraph:—

"(da) by omitting from Item 2 the words 'and floral tributes covered by Item 45 in the Second Schedule to this Act';"

Mr. Harrison moved, as a further amendment, That proposed sub-item (12) of Item 10 be omitted.

Debate ensued.

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Amendment negatived.

On the motion of Mr. Lazzarini, the following further amendments were made :—

Page 5, after line 45 insert the following paragraph :—

“(pa) by omitting from sub-items (1) and (4) of Item 13 the words ‘ or by Item 48 of the Second Schedule ’ ;”.

Page 8, line 13, omit “ latex sheaths ”, insert “ condoms ”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Consideration resumed of the ten motions moved by Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) on the 29th October, 1941 (see pages 200-202).

Motions agreed to.

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. Lazzarini (Minister assisting the Treasurer) 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. Lazzarini, were adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Lazzarini and Mr. Chifley do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

10. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS TO ENABLE THE SALES TAX BILLS TO BE CONSIDERED TOGETHER.—

Mr. Lazzarini (Minister assisting the Treasurer) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the questions in regard to the first and second readings, Committee's report stage, and third readings being put in one motion covering several or all of the Sales Tax Bills Nos. 1 to 9, and the consideration of several or all of such Bills together in a Committee of the Whole.

Question—put and passed.

11. SALES TAX BILLS (NOS. 1 TO 9) 1941.—Mr. Lazzarini (Minister assisting the Treasurer) then brought up the following Bills :—

*A Bill for an Act to amend the “ Sales Tax Act (No. 1) 1930-1940 ” ;*  
*A Bill for an Act to amend the “ Sales Tax Act (No. 2) 1930-1940 ” ;*  
*A Bill for an Act to amend the “ Sales Tax Act (No. 3) 1930-1940 ” ;*  
*A Bill for an Act to amend the “ Sales Tax Act (No. 4) 1930-1940 ” ;*  
*A Bill for an Act to amend the “ Sales Tax Act (No. 5) 1930-1940 ” ;*  
*A Bill for an Act to amend the “ Sales Tax Act (No. 6) 1930-1940 ” ;*  
*A Bill for an Act to amend the “ Sales Tax Act (No. 7) 1930-1940 ” ;*  
*A Bill for an Act to amend the “ Sales Tax Act (No. 8) 1930-1940 ” ;*  
*A Bill for an Act to amend the “ Sales Tax Act (No. 9) 1930-1940 ” ;*

and moved, That the Bills be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Lazzarini moved, That the Bills be now read a second time.

Question—put and passed.—Bills read a second time.

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

(In the Committee.)

Bills, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bills to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Lazzarini, the House adopted the Reports, and the Bills were read a third time.

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

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-four minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Blain, Mr. Brennan, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. White\*.

\* On leave.

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