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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 88.

WEDNESDAY, 2ND SEPTEMBER, 1942.

1. The House met, at half-past seven o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable W. M. Nairn) took the Chair.
2. DEATH OF THE HONORABLE R. B. ORCHARD.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) referred to the death, on the 24th July, of the Honorable R. B. Orchard, and moved, That this House records its sincere regret at the death of the Honorable Richard Beaumont Orchard, C.B.E., a former Member of the House of Representatives for the Division of Nepean and a Minister of the Crown, places on record its appreciation of his meritorious public service, and tenders its deep sympathy to his widow and family in their bereavement.
And Mr. Hughes having seconded the motion, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
Question—passed.
3. DEATH OF THE HONORABLE J. N. H. HUME-COOK.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister) referred to the death, on the 7th August, of the Honorable J. N. H. Hume-Cook, and moved, That this House records its sincere regret at the death of the Honorable James Newton Haxton Hume-Cook, a former Member of the House of Representatives for the Division of Bourke, a Member of the First Commonwealth Parliament and a Minister of the Crown, places on record its appreciation of his meritorious public service, and tenders its deep sympathy to his widow and family in their bereavement.
And Mr. Hughes having seconded the motion, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
Question—passed.
4. OVERSEAS VISIT OF MR. EVATT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister), by leave, informed the House of the return to Australia of Mr. Evatt after his mission abroad during which he was the accredited representative of the Commonwealth Government at meetings of the British War Cabinet and the Pacific War Council.
5. OVERSEAS VISIT OF SIR EARLE PAGE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister), by leave, informed the House of the return to Australia in restored health of Sir Earle Page after having represented the Commonwealth on the British War Cabinet and the Pacific War Council. Mr. Curtin announced that Sir Earle Page would act as a co-opted member of the Australian Advisory War Council and would attend certain meetings of the War Cabinet.
6. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
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 1942-43 from the Commonwealth under Section 96 of the Constitution.
7. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ESTIMATES 1942-43.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and were read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 77.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-three, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Canberra, 2nd September, 1942.

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 78.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-three, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Canberra, 2nd September, 1942.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, to be printed and referred to the Committee of Supply forthwith.

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8. SUPPLY—BUDGET STATEMENT.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) delivered the Budget Speech and then moved, That the first item in the Estimates, under Division No. 1—The Senate—namely—

Salaries and allowances £8,660

be agreed to.

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.

9. PAPER.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—The Budget, 1942–43—Papers presented by the Honorable J. B. Chifley, M.P., for the information of honorable Members on the occasion of the Budget of 1942–43.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

10. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 8) AND EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 7).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

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

CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 8).

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 fifth day of March, One thousand nine hundred and forty-two, be further amended as hereinafter set out, and that on and after the third day of September, One thousand nine hundred and forty-two, 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 I.—ALE, SPIRITS, AND BEVERAGES.

1. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :—			
“ 1. Ale and other beer, porter, cider and perry, spirituous :—			
(A) In containers not exceeding one gallon* per gallon	5s. 10d.	9s. 1d.	9s. 1d.
(B) Otherwise per gallon	5s. 4d.	7s. 7d.	7s. 7d.
* Six reputed quarts or twelve reputed pints or twenty-four reputed half-pints to be charged as one gallon.”			
3. By omitting the whole of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“ (A) Brandy—			
(1) When not exceeding the strength of proof per gallon	62s. 6d.	63s. 6d.	68s. 6d.
(2) When exceeding the strength of proof per proof gallon	62s. 6d.	63s. 6d.	68s. 6d.”
By omitting the whole of paragraph (2) of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :—			
“ (2) Other—			
(a) When not exceeding the strength of proof per gallon	68s. 6d.	71s. 6d.	71s. 6d.
(b) When exceeding the strength of proof per proof gallon	68s. 6d.	71s. 6d.	71s. 6d.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (c) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“ (c) Gin, distilled wholly from barley malt, grain, grape wine or fruit, and certified in the prescribed form by the competent Government official in the country of production to be gin distilled wholly from barley malt, grain, grape wine or fruit—			
(1) When not exceeding the strength of proof per gallon	68s. 6d.	70s. 6d.	70s. 6d.
(2) When exceeding the strength of proof per proof gallon	68s. 6d.	70s. 6d.	70s. 6d.”

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IMPORT DUTIES—*continued.*

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
Division I.—Ale, Spirits, and Beverages—<i>continued.</i>			
3— <i>continued.</i>			
By omitting the whole of sub-item (d) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“(d) Rum, pure, distilled wholly from sugar, sugar syrup, molasses, or the refuse of sugar cane, by a pot-still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 45 per cent. over proof and certified in the prescribed form by the competent Government official in the country of production to be pure rum distilled wholly from sugar, sugar syrup, molasses, or the refuse of sugar cane, under the conditions specified—			
(1) When not exceeding the strength of proof per gallon	64s. 6d.	69s. 6d.	69s. 6d.
(2) When exceeding the strength of proof per proof gallon	64s. 6d.	69s. 6d.	69s. 6d.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (e) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“(e) Blended rum, distilled wholly from sugar, sugar syrup, molasses, or the refuse of sugar cane, containing not less than 25 per cent. of pure spirit which has been separately distilled from sugar, sugar syrup, molasses, or the refuse of sugar cane, by a pot-still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 45 per cent. over proof and certified in the prescribed form by the competent Government official in the country of production to be rum distilled wholly from sugar, sugar syrup, molasses, or the refuse of sugar cane, under the conditions specified and so blended—			
(1) When not exceeding the strength of proof per gallon	65s. 6d.	70s. 6d.	70s. 6d.
(2) When exceeding the strength of proof per proof gallon	65s. 6d.	70s. 6d.	70s. 6d.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (c) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“(c) Bitters—			
(1) When not exceeding the strength of proof per gallon	67s. 6d.	72s. 6d.	72s. 6d.
(2) When exceeding the strength of proof per proof gallon	67s. 6d.	72s. 6d.	72s. 6d.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (u) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“(u) Liqueurs—			
(1) When not exceeding the strength of proof per gallon	56s. 6d.	58s. 6d.	69s. 6d.
(2) When exceeding the strength of proof per proof gallon	56s. 6d.	58s. 6d.	69s. 6d.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (r) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“(r) Other—			
(1) When not exceeding the strength of proof per gallon	75s. 6d.	75s. 6d.	75s. 6d.
(2) When exceeding the strength of proof per proof gallon	75s. 6d.	75s. 6d.	75s. 6d.”

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IMPORT DUTIES—continued.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
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DIVISION II.—TOBACCO AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF.

20. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “ 20. Tobacco, cut, n.e.i.— (A) The manufacture of the United Kingdom, containing not less than 15 per cent. by weight of stemmed Australian-grown tobacco leaf (or its equivalent in terms of unstemmed tobacco leaf) to the total stemmed tobacco leaf (or its equivalent in terms of unstemmed tobacco leaf) used in the manufacture of such tobacco per lb. 15s. 8d. (B) Other - - - - - per lb. 16s. 11d.	15s. 8d. 16s. 11d.	17s. 11d.	17s. 11d.”
21. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “ 21. Tobacco, manufactured, n.e.i., including the weight of tags, labels and other attachments— (A) The manufacture of the United Kingdom, containing not less than 15 per cent. by weight of stemmed Australian-grown tobacco leaf (or its equivalent in terms of unstemmed tobacco leaf) to the total stemmed tobacco leaf (or its equivalent in terms of unstemmed tobacco leaf) used in the manufacture of such tobacco per lb. 15s. 5d. (B) Other - - - - - per lb. 16s. 8d.	15s. 5d. 16s. 8d.	17s. 8d.	17s. 8d.”
22. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “ 22. Cigarettes, including weight of cards and mouth-pieces contained in inside packages; fine cut tobacco suitable for the manufacture of cigarettes— (A) The manufacture of the United Kingdom, containing not less than 3 per cent. by weight of stemmed Australian-grown tobacco leaf (or its equivalent in terms of unstemmed tobacco leaf) to the total stemmed tobacco leaf (or its equivalent in terms of unstemmed tobacco leaf) used in the manufacture of such cigarettes or fine cut tobacco - per lb. 31s. (B) Other - - - - - per lb. 32s. 4d.	31s. 32s. 4d.	34s. 4d.	34s. 4d.”
24. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “ 24. Cigars, including the weight of bands and ribbons per lb. 29s. 4d.	29s. 4d.	..	31s. 4d.”

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IMPORT DUTIES—continued.

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

73. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :—			
“ 73. Matches and Vestas of all kinds :—			
(A) (1) Wax, in boxes containing 50 vestas or less - - - per gross of boxes	6s. 10d.	7s. 10d.	7s. 10d.
(2) Wood, in boxes containing 70 matches or less - - - per gross of boxes	9s. 7d.	10s. 6d.	10s. 6d.
(B) (1) Wax, in boxes containing over 50, but not exceeding 100 vestas			
per gross of boxes	13s. 8d.	15s. 8d.	15s. 8d.
(2) Wood, in boxes containing over 70, but not exceeding 140 matches			
per gross of boxes	19s. 2d.	21s. 4d.	21s. 4d.
(C) (1) Wax, for each additional 50 vestas or portion of 50 vestas per box, an additional duty - - - per gross of boxes	6s. 10d.	7s. 10d.	7s. 10d.
(2) Wood, for each additional 70 matches or portion of 70 matches per box, an additional duty - - - per gross of boxes	9s. 7d.	10s. 6d.	10s. 6d.
(D) N.E.I. - - - per 1,000 matches or vestas	1s. 1d.	1s. 2½d.	1s. 2½d.
(E) When put up in boxes or in other form for retail sale, unless the number of matches or vestas contained in each box or other retail unit is printed or stamped thereon, in addition to the duties set out in (A), (B), (C), (D) above - - - per gross of boxes or per 1,000 matches or vestas whichever rate is applicable.”	2s. 3d.	2s. 3d.	2s. 3d.

DIVISION XIII.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.

334. By omitting the whole of sub-item (v) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“ (v) Cards, playing, in sheet or cut; boards in sheet form printed with designs for the backs of playing cards			
per dozen packs, or the equivalent of per dozen packs	15s.	18s.	18s.”

DIVISION XVI.—MISCELLANEOUS.

370. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :—			
“ 370. (A) Articles imported by or being the property of the Commonwealth not being for the purposes of trade - - - - -	Free	Free	Free
(B) Articles imported by or being the property of the Commonwealth other than those articles covered by sub-item (A) which, in the opinion of the Minister on declaration by the Comptroller, it is in the national interest to exempt from duty - - -	Free	Free	Free.”

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EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 7).

That the Schedule to the *Excise Tariff* 1921-1939, as proposed to be amended by Excise Tariff Proposals, be further amended as hereinafter set out, and that on and after the third day of September, One thousand nine hundred and forty-two, 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.

(2) That, where any goods specified in Item 1 hereinafter—

(a) were manufactured or produced in Australia before that date ; and

(b) were, on that date, subject to the control of the Customs or to Excise supervision, or in the stock, custody or possession of, or belonged to, any brewer thereof,

and duties of Excise were paid thereon before that date, additional duties of Excise be collected thereon equal to the amount (if any) by which the duties of Excise so paid are less than the duties of Excise which would be payable thereon if the duties of Excise had not been so paid.

(3) That in this Resolution "Excise Tariff Proposals" mean the Excise Tariff Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the following dates, namely :—

5th March, 1942 ; and

25th March, 1942.

EXCISE DUTIES.

Articles.	Rate of Duty.
1. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :—	
"1. Beer—	
(A) Ale, porter, and other beer, containing not less than 2 per cent. of proof spirit	4s. 7d.
(B) Any other fermented liquors n.e.i. containing not less than 2 per cent. of proof spirit which may by Proclamation be declared dutiable under this item	4s. 7d."
2. By omitting the whole of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—	
" (A) Brandy, distilled wholly from wine, the fermented juice of fresh grapes, by a pot-still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 40 per cent. over proof, matured by storage in wood for a period of not less than two years and certified by an officer to be pure brandy	53s. 6d."
By omitting the whole of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—	
" (B) Blended Brandy, distilled wholly from wine, the fermented juice of fresh grapes, and containing not less than 25 per cent. of pure spirit (which has been separately distilled from wine, the fermented juice of fresh grapes, by a pot-still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 40 per cent. over proof), the whole being matured by storage in wood for a period of not less than two years, and certified by an officer to be brandy so blended and matured	53s. 6d."
By omitting the whole of sub-item (C) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—	
" (C) Apple Brandy, distilled wholly from apple cider and Brandies distilled from other approved fruit juices by a pot-still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 40 per cent. over proof, matured by storage in wood for a period of not less than two years, and certified by an officer to be pure apple or pure fruit brandy	53s. 6d."

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EXCISE DUTIES—continued.

Articles.	Rate of Duty.
2—continued.	
By omitting the whole of sub-item (D) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—	
“ (D) Whisky, distilled wholly from barley malt by a pot-still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 45 per cent. over proof, matured by storage in wood for a period of not less than two years, and certified by an officer to be pure malt whisky - - - - - per proof gallon	54s. 6d.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (E) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—	
“ (E) (1) Australian Blended Whisky, distilled partly from barley malt and partly from other grain, containing not less than 25 per cent. of pure barley malt spirit (which has been separately distilled by a pot-still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 45 per cent. over proof), the whole being matured by storage in wood for a period of not less than two years, and certified by an officer to be whisky so blended and matured - - - - - per proof gallon	54s. 6d.
(2) Blended Whisky, n.e.i., distilled partly from barley malt and partly from other grain, containing not less than 25 per cent. of pure barley malt spirit (which has been separately distilled by a pot-still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 45 per cent. over proof), provided that the blended whisky contains not less than 15 per cent. of Australian pure barley malt spirit and contains not more than 20 per cent. of spirit upon which import duty has been paid, the whole being matured by storage in wood for a period of not less than two years, and certified by an officer to be whisky so blended and matured - - - - - per proof gallon	54s. 6d.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (F) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—	
“ (F) Rum, distilled wholly from sugar, sugar syrup, molasses, or the refuse of sugar cane, by a pot-still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 45 per cent. over proof, matured by storage in wood for a period of not less than two years, and certified by an officer to be pure rum - - - - - per proof gallon	56s. 6d.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (G) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—	
“ (G) Blended Rum, distilled wholly from sugar, sugar syrup, molasses, or the refuse of sugar cane, containing not less than 25 per cent. of pure spirit (which has been separately distilled from sugar, sugar syrup, molasses, or the refuse of sugar cane, by a pot-still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 45 per cent. over proof), the whole being matured by storage in wood for a period of not less than two years and certified by an officer to be rum so blended and matured - - - - - per proof gallon	57s. 6d.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (H) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—	
“ (H) Gin, distilled from barley malt, grain, grape wine, apples, or other approved fruit and certified by an officer to be pure gin - - - - - per proof gallon	56s. 6d.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (I) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—	
“ (I) Liqueurs, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - - per proof gallon	55s. 6d.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (O) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—	
“ (O) Spirits, n.e.i. - - - - - per proof gallon	65s. 6d.”
6. By omitting the whole of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—	○
“ (A) *Tobacco, hand-made strand :—	
(1) In the manufacture of which all the tobacco leaf used is Australian-grown - - - - - per lb.	10s.
(2) Otherwise - - - - - per lb.	10s. 8d.
* HAND-MADE TOBACCO.—“ Hand-made Tobacco ” shall mean tobacco in the manufacture of which all operations are entirely carried on by hand without the aid of machine tools or machinery other than that used in the pressing of the tobacco.”	

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EXCISE DUTIES—*continued.*

Articles.	Rate of Duty.
6— <i>continued.</i>	
By omitting the whole of sub-item (b) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—	
“ (B) Tobacco, manufactured, n.e.i. :—	
(1) In the manufacture of which all the tobacco leaf used is Australian-grown	per lb. 10s. 3d.
(2) Otherwise	per lb. 10s. 11d.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (c) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—	
“ (c) Tobacco, fine cut suitable for the manufacture of cigarettes :—	
(1) In the manufacture of which all the tobacco leaf used is Australian-grown	per lb. 20s. 1d.
(2) Otherwise	per lb. 20s. 9d.”
7. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :—	
“ 7. Cigars—	
(A) *Hand-made	per lb. 11s. 7d.
* HAND-MADE CIGARS.—“ Hand-made cigars ” shall mean cigars in the manufacture of which every operation is performed by hand, provided that moulds may be used.	
(B) Machine-made	per lb. 12s. 7d.”
8. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :—	
“ 8. Cigarettes, including the weight of the outer portion of each cigarette :—	
(A) †Hand-made	per lb. 20s. 6d.
† HAND-MADE CIGARETTES.—“ Hand-made ” shall mean that the whole of the operations connected with the filling and completion of cigarettes shall be performed exclusively by hand.	
(B) N.E.I.	per lb. 20s. 9d.”
12. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :—	
“ 12. Playing Cards	
	per dozen packs 10s.”
15. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :—	
“ 15. Matches	
	per 8,640 matches 8s.”

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.

11. CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADIAN PREFERENCE) VALIDATION BILL 1942.—Mr. Beasley (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) Proposals.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Beasley 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. Beasley moved, by leave, 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. Beasley, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

12. CUSTOMS TARIFF VALIDATION BILL 1942.—Mr. Beasley (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff Proposals.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Beasley 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. Beasley moved, by leave, 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. Beasley, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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13. CUSTOMS TARIFF (EXCHANGE ADJUSTMENT) VALIDATION BILL 1942.—Mr. Beasley (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Validation of Adjustments in Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Proposals.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Beasley 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. Beasley moved, by leave, 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. Beasley, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

14. CUSTOMS TARIFF (SPECIAL WAR DUTY) VALIDATION BILL 1942.—Mr. Beasley (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff (Special War Duty) Proposals.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Beasley 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. Beasley moved, by leave, 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. Beasley, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

15. CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) VALIDATION BILL 1942.—Mr. Beasley (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) Proposals.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Beasley 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. Beasley moved, by leave, 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. Beasley, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

16. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were received, and were read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 79.

A Proposed Law intituled " *Widows' Pensions Act 1942* " as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Law.

Government House,
Canberra, 5th June, 1942.

2nd September, 1942.

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 80.*

Proposed Laws intituled :—

- “ *States Grants (Income Tax Reimbursement) Act 1942* ”
- “ *Income Tax (War-time Arrangements) Act 1942* ”
- “ *Income Tax Assessment Act 1942* ”
- “ *Income Tax Act 1942* ”

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Laws.

Admiralty House,
Sydney, 7th June, 1942.

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 81.*

Proposed Laws intituled :—

- “ *Dairy Produce Export Control Act 1942* ”
- “ *Rabbit Skins Export Charges Act 1942* ”
- “ *Loan Act (No. 2) 1942* ”
- “ *Invalid and Old-age Pensions Appropriation Act 1942* ”
- “ *War Pensions Appropriation Act 1942* ”

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Laws.

Admiralty House,
Sydney, 9th June, 1942.

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 82.*

Proposed Laws intituled :—

- “ *Supply Act (No. 1) 1942-43* ”
- “ *Appropriation Act (No. 2) 1941-42* ”
- “ *Supplementary Appropriation Act 1940-41* ”
- “ *Supplementary Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Act 1940-41* ”
- “ *Australian Broadcasting Act 1942* ”
- “ *Commercial Broadcasting Stations Licence Fees Act 1942* ”
- “ *Lighthouses Act 1942* ”

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Laws.

Admiralty House,
Sydney, 12th June, 1942.

17. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—RESERVATION OF BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 83.*

A Bill intituled “ *Navigation Act 1942* ” as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has reserved the said Bill for His Majesty's pleasure.

Admiralty House,
Sydney, 12th June, 1942.

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

National Security Act—

National Security (Land Transport) Regulations—Direction by Land Transport Board to Victorian Railways Commissioners.

National Security (Prices) Regulations—Declarations Nos. 93-107.

National Security (Vegetable Seeds) Regulations—Notices—Returns of vegetable seeds (2).

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, Nos. 254, 346.

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1942—

No. 24—Commonwealth Legal Professional Officers' Association.

No. 25—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia and Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.

No. 26—Non-Official Postmasters' Association of Australia.

No. 27—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.

No. 28—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia; Australian Third Division Telegraphists and Postal Clerks' Union; Fourth Division Postmasters, Postal Clerks and Telegraphists' Union; Line Inspectors' Association, Commonwealth of Australia; and Fourth Division Officers' Association of the Trade and Customs Department.

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- No. 29—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.
 No. 30—Fourth Division Officers' Association of the Trade and Customs Department and Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.
 No. 31—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.
- Australian Broadcasting Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, Nos. 297, 298.
 Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act—
 Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, No. 214.
 War Pensions Entitlement Appeal Tribunal—Report for year 1941–42.
 Beer Excise Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, No. 338.
 Cable and Wire Bounty Act—Return for year 1941–42.
 Commonwealth Public Service Act—
 Appointment of P. A. Tillyard, Department of Commerce.
 Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, No. 320.
 Contract Immigrants Act—Return for 1941.
 Customs Act—
 Proclamations prohibiting the Exportation (except under certain conditions) of—
 Boot polish ; Silver ; Certain organic fertilizers ; Vegetable seeds (dated 8th July, 1942).
 Gum copal ; Meat meal (dated 27th May, 1942).
 Postal exports exceeding a certain weight in any one calendar month (dated 3rd June, 1942).
 Printing ink powders and printing ink pastes ; Derris root, derris powder and rotenone, and mixtures and compounds thereof ; Cube root and cube powder ; Gum damar ; Kapok ; Bristles ; Vegetable oils ; Duboisia myoporoides, either as leaves or as a concentrated extract (dated 6th August, 1942).
 Tea (dated 5th June, 1942).
 Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, No. 323.
 Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, Nos. 286, 287.
 Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, Nos. 289, 290, 333, 334, 347, 350.
 Defence Act and Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, Nos. 284, 336.
 Defence (Visiting Forces) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, No. 365.
 Estate Duty Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, No. 292.
 Excise Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, Nos. 291, 335.
 Immigration Act—Return for 1941.
 Income Tax Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, No. 339.
 Income Tax (War-time Arrangements) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, No. 375.
 Jury Exemption Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, No. 288.
 Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired—
 For Defence purposes—
 Adelaide, South Australia.
 Alexandria, New South Wales.
 Amberley, Queensland.
 Balmain, New South Wales.
 Branxholm, Tasmania.
 Busselton, Western Australia.
 Cowra, New South Wales (2).
 Cressy, Victoria.
 Darwin, Northern Territory.
 Donnybrook, Victoria.
 Dubbo, New South Wales.
 Elizabeth Bay, New South Wales (2).
 Essendon, Victoria (2).
 Evandale, Tasmania.
 Gawler, South Australia (2).
 Geraldton, Western Australia.
 Goulburn, New South Wales.
 Highett, Victoria.
 Kangaroo Flat, Victoria.
 Largs, New South Wales.
 Laverton, Victoria.
 Lithgow, New South Wales.
 Lorn, New South Wales.
 Maffra, Victoria.
 Mallala, South Australia.
 Marrickville, New South Wales.
 Mount Gambier, South Australia (2).
 Normanton, Queensland.
 Petersham, New South Wales (2).
 Port Melbourne, Victoria.
 Puckapunyal, Victoria (2).
 Rocklea, Queensland.
 Sheffield, Tasmania.
 South Grafton, New South Wales.
 St. Mary's, New South Wales.

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- Townsville, Queensland.
 Victor Harbour, South Australia.
 Wagga Wagga, New South Wales.
 Whorouly East, Victoria.
 Williamtown, New South Wales.
 Woolloomooloo, New South Wales.
 Zetland, New South Wales.
- For Postal purposes—
 Box Hill, Victoria.
 Caboolture, Queensland.
 Charleville, Queensland.
 Melbourne, Victoria.
 Mitchelton, Queensland.
 Morgan, South Australia.
 Penrith, New South Wales.
 Roma, Queensland.
 Seymour, Victoria.
 Spring Hill, Brisbane, Queensland.
- For Postal, telegraphic, telephonic and other like services—
 Brisbane, Queensland.
 Newcastle, New South Wales.
- Motor Industry Bounty Act—Return for year 1941-42.
 Motor Vehicle Engine Bounty Act—Return for year 1941-42.
- National Security Act—
 National Security (Economic Organization) Regulations—Order by Premier of Western Australia.
 National Security (Emergency Control) Regulations—Orders—
 District boundaries.
 Industries control.
 Military powers during emergency.
 Territories laws repeal and adopting.
- National Security (Emergency Supplies) Regulations—Rules—Queensland (2), Victoria.
 National Security (Fertilizer Control) Regulations—Orders—
 Fertilizer mixture (Restriction of manufacture).
 Fertilizer (Restriction of sales).
 Fertilizer (Returns of stocks of superphosphates).
- National Security (General) Regulations—
 Orders—
 Clothing materials investigation.
 Control of—
 Cane-Rattan.
 Cycle tyres and cycle tubes.
 French beans.
 Hand tools (2).
 Highways (3).
 Kapok.
 Leather.
 Lights (2).
 Rubber.
 Navigation (Recognition procedure).
 Navigation (Small craft).
 Prohibited places (11).
 Prohibiting work on land (45).
 Requisitioning of binoculars.
 Taking possession of land, &c. (820).
 Use of land (99).
 Vegetable seeds (2).
 Orders by State Premiers—New South Wales (2), Queensland (13), South Australia, Victoria (3), Western Australia (2).
- National Security (Internment Camps) Regulations—Rules—Camp (2).
 National Security (Land Transport) Regulations—Orders—
 Nos. 1-4.
 New South Wales (Nos. 1-3), Queensland (Nos. 1-3), South Australia (Nos. 1-4), Victoria (Nos. 1-7), Western Australia (Nos. 1, 2).
- National Security (Man Power) Regulations—Orders—
 Protected undertakings (155).
 Regulation of engagement of employees—Exemptions (2).
- National Security (Medical Co-ordination and Equipment) Regulations—Order—Control of medical equipment.
- National Security (Potatoes) Regulations—Orders Nos. 1-6.
 National Security (Prices) Regulations—Orders Nos. 651-768, 770-790.

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National Security (Prisoners of War) Regulations—
Order—Prisoners of war (Pay arrangements).
Rules—

Camp (9).

Trial of prisoners of war.

National Security (Supplementary) Regulations—Orders by State Premiers—New South Wales (2), Queensland (4), Victoria, Western Australia (2).

National Security (Timber Control) Regulations—Orders—Control of Timber (2).

National Security (Vegetable Seeds) Regulations—Order—Declaration of prescribed vegetables.

National Security (War Damage to Property) Regulations—Orders—

Declaration of indestructible goods.

Local Government authorities.

Rates of contributions.

National Security (War-time Banking Control) Regulations—Order—Exemption.

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, Nos. 77 (substitute copy), 251, 252, 253, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 293, 294, 295, 296, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 321, 322, 325, 326, 327, 328, 330, 331, 332, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 349, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362.

Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, No. 250.

Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, Nos. 337, 364.

Norfolk Island Act—Ordinance—1942—No. 1—Church of England Land.

Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—

Ordinances—1942—

No. 4—Income Tax Suspension.

No. 5—Medical Benefits Tax Suspension.

No. 6—Mining.

Regulations—

1941—No. 12 (Motor Vehicles Ordinance).

1942—No. 1 (Military Roads Ordinance).

Rules under Local Courts Ordinance.

Papua and New Guinea Bounties Act—Return for year 1941-42.

Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, No. 313.

Rabbit Skins Export Charges Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, No. 285.

Raw Cotton Bounty Act—Return for 1941.

Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—

Ordinances—1942—

No. 12—Crimes.

No. 13—Rationing Control (No. 2).

No. 14—Motor Traffic.

No. 15—Real Property.

No. 16—Building and Services (No. 2).

No. 17—Hospital Tax Suspension.

Regulations—1942—

No. 6 (Building and Services Ordinance).

No. 7 (Education Ordinance).

Ship Bounty Act—Return for year 1941-42.

Sulphur Bounty Acts—Return for year 1941-42.

Superannuation Act—Nineteenth Annual Report of the Superannuation Board, for year 1940-41.

Supply and Development Acts—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, No. 306.

Tractor Bounty Acts—Return for year 1941-42.

War-time (Company) Tax Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, Nos. 264, 324.

Widows' Pensions Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, No. 329.

Wine Export Bounty Act—Return for year 1941-42.

Wine Grapes Charges Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, No. 305.

Wireless Telegraphy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, No. 348.

Wire Netting Bounty Act—Return for year 1941-42.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seven 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. Blain*, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Lawson, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Scullin, and Mr. White*.

* On leave.

A. A. TREGEAR,
Clerk-Assistant, House of Representatives.

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