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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 122.

THURSDAY, 25TH FEBRUARY, 1943.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable W. M. Nairn) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
  - Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determination by the Arbitrator, &c.—1943—No. 7—Victorian Public Service Association; Public Service Association of South Australia; and Tasmanian Public Service Association.
  - Dried Fruits Export Charges Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1943, No. 16.
  - National Security Act—
    - National Security (Emergency Supplies) Regulations—Rules—South Australia.
    - National Security (General) Regulations—Orders—
      - Taking possession of land, &c. (108).
      - Use of land (3).
    - National Security (Land Transport) Regulations—Order—No. 13.
    - National Security (Maritime Industry) Regulations—Order—No. 36.
3. CUSTOMS TARIFF VALIDATION BILL 1943.—Mr. Beasley (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, pursuant to notice, 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.  
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.

4. CUSTOMS TARIFF (EXCHANGE ADJUSTMENT) VALIDATION BILL 1943.—Mr. Beasley (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, pursuant to notice, 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.  
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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5. CUSTOMS TARIFF (SPECIAL WAR DUTY) VALIDATION BILL 1943.—Mr. Beasley (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, pursuant to notice, 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.

6. CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) VALIDATION BILL 1943.—Mr. Beasley (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, pursuant to notice, 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.

7. CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADIAN PREFERENCE) VALIDATION BILL 1943.—Mr. Beasley (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, pursuant to notice, 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.

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.

8. EXCISE TARIFF VALIDATION BILL 1943.—Mr. Beasley (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Excise under Excise 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, after debate.

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.

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 3 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 4, Government Business.

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10. COMMONWEALTH BANK BILL 1943.—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.  
 Ordered—That Mr. Wilson be granted an extension of time.  
 Debate continued.  
 Mr. Calwell 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.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

## FRIDAY, 26TH FEBRUARY, 1943.

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

[*Loan Bill 1943*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 162.

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

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,  
 President.

The Senate,  
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[*Customs Tariff Validation Bill 1943*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 163.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff Proposals* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,  
 President.

The Senate,  
 Canberra, 25th February, 1943.

[*Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Validation Bill 1943*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 164.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to provide for the Validation of Adjustments in Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Proposals* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,  
 President.

The Senate,  
 Canberra, 25th February, 1943.

[*Customs Tariff (Special War Duty) Validation Bill 1943*]—

MR. SPEAKER

Message No. 165.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff (Special War Duty) Proposals* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,  
 President.

The Senate,  
 Canberra, 25th February, 1943.

[*Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) Validation Bill 1943*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 166.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) Proposals* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,  
 President.

The Senate,  
 Canberra, 25th February, 1943.

[*Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) Validation Bill 1943*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 167.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) Proposals* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,  
 President.

The Senate,  
 Canberra, 25th February, 1943.

[*Excise Tariff Validation Bill 1943*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 168.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Excise under Excise Tariff Proposals* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,  
 President.

The Senate,  
 Canberra, 25th February, 1943.

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12. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, No. 505.  
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Commonwealth purposes—  
Essendon, Victoria.  
Walleroo, South Australia.  
National Security Act—National Security (General) Regulations—Orders—  
Taking possession of land, &c. (210).  
Use of land.  
Superannuation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1942, No. 549.

13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at three minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Blain\*, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Hughes, Mr. McCall, Mr. Scullin\*, and Mr. White\*.

\* On leave.

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