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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 110.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH FEBRUARY, 1948.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., according to the terms of the Resolution of the 4th December last.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. 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 :—

W. J. McKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 65.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

- “ States Grants (Tax Reimbursement) Act 1947 ”
- “ Income Tax Assessment Act (No. 2) 1947 ”
- “ Parliamentary Allowances Act (No. 2) 1947 ”
- “ Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1947 ”
- “ Loan (Housing) Act 1947 ”
- “ States Grants Act (No. 2) 1947 ”
- “ Ministers of State Act 1947 ”
- “ Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1947 ”
- “ Royal Style and Titles Act (Australia) 1947 ”
- “ War Service Homes Act (No. 2) 1947 ”
- “ Tradesmen's Rights Regulation Act 1947 ”
- “ Tractor Bounty Act 1947 ”

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.

Government House,
Canberra, 4th December, 1947.

W. J. McKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 66.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

- “ Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act (No. 2) 1947 ”
- “ Trading with the Enemy Act 1947 ”

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.

Government House,
Canberra, 5th December, 1947.

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W. J. McKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 67.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

- " Egg Export Control Act 1947 "
- " Egg Export Charges Act 1947 "
- " Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act 1947 "
- " Treaty of Peace (Italy) Act 1947 "
- " Treaty of Peace (Roumania) Act 1947 "
- " Treaty of Peace (Hungary) Act 1947 "
- " Treaty of Peace (Finland) Act 1947 "
- " Treaty of Peace (Bulgaria) Act 1947 "
- " Commonwealth Public Service Act (No. 2) 1947 "
- " Beer Excise Act (No. 2) 1947 "
- " Distillation Act 1947 "
- " Spirits Act 1947 "
- " Excise Act 1947 "
- " Air Navigation Act (No. 2) 1947 "
- " Australian National Airlines Act 1947 "
- " International Labour Organisation Act 1947 "

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.

Government House,
Canberra, 11th December, 1947.

W. J. McKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 68.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

- " Quarantine Act (No. 2) 1947 "
- " World Health Organization Act 1947 "

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.

Government House,
Canberra, 11th December, 1947.

3. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Spender rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, " The circumstances in which certain Australian citizens attached to the United States of America Forces in the Pacific were recalled to Australia by the Government and the means employed by the Government to achieve its purpose ".

Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—

Mr. Spender moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Ordered—That Mr. Calwell (Minister for Immigration) be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Closure.—Mr. Scully (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Rosevear, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 39.

Noes, 29.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Langtry	Mr. Abbott	Mr. Hutchinson
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Adermann	Mr. Lang
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Anthony	Dame Enid Lyons
Mr. Burke	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Beale	Mr. McBride
Mr. Calwell	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Bowden	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Cameron	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Chifley	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Clark	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Fadden	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Spender
Mr. Daly	Mr. Russell	Mr. Francis	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scully	Mr. Gullett	Mr. White
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Sheehy	Mr. Hamilton	
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Harrison	
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Ward	Mr. Holt	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Howse	Mr. Corser
Mr. Gaha	Mr. Williams	Mr. Hughes	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Hadley			
Mr. Haylen	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Fuller		
Mr. James	Mr. Sheehan		
Mr. Johnson			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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And the question—That the House do now adjourn—being accordingly put—
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Rosevear, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 28.		Noes, 40.	
Mr. Abbott	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lang
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Hutchinson	Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Anthony	Dame Enid Lyons	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Beale	Mr. McBride	Mr. Burke	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Bowden	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Calwell	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Chambers	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Rankin	Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Clark	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Spender	Mr. Conelan	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Francis	Mr. Turnbull	Mr. Daly	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Gullett	Mr. White	Mr. Dedman	Mr. Russell
Mr. Hamilton		Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scully
Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Holt	Mr. Corser	Mr. Falstein	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Howse	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Fraser	Mr. Ward
		Mr. Gaha	Mr. Watkins
		Mr. Hadley	Mr. Williams
		Mr. Haylen	
		Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. James	Mr. Fuller
		Mr. Johnson	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was negatived.

4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—National Security (Prices) Regulations—Declarations—
Nos. 165–167.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Aliens Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1948, No. 8.

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—
1947—

No. 106—Peace Officer Guard Association.

No. 107—Federated Ironworkers' Association of Australia.

Nos. 108–110—Hospital Employces' Federation of Australasia.

No. 111—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 112—Federated Ironworkers' Association of Australia.

No. 113—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 114—Commonwealth Medical Officers' Association.

No. 115—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 116—Amalgamated Engineering Union.

Nos. 117–119—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of
Australia.

Nos. 120, 121—Commonwealth Foremen's Association.

1948—

No. 1—Federated Ironworkers' Association of Australia and others.

No. 2—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.

Australian Broadcasting Act—Fifteenth Annual Report and Balance-sheet of the Australian
Broadcasting Commission, for year 1946–47.

Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, No. 169.

Commonwealth Bank Act—Appointments—M. J. Boyce, F. L. Harper, B. Koroloff.

Commonwealth Employees' Compensation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1948, No. 13.

Commonwealth Public Service Act—

Appointments—Department—

Attorney-General—F. Wilkins.

Civil Aviation—L. J. Clementson, A. Drew, J. E. French, G. C. T. Morrison, T. F. W.
Robbins, F. G. Shanahan.

Commerce and Agriculture—W. J. Bettenay.

Interior—J. A. W. Banks, B. C. Hamilton, W. A. Macdonald, J. D. McConnell,
A. W. Sharp.

Labour and National Service—W. T. Clark, B. W. Foord, E. Freidin, P. M. Goldston.

Post-war Reconstruction—T. T. Colquhoun.

Repatriation—R. K. Hopkins, C. Williams.

Supply and Shipping—P. O'Neill.

Works and Housing—A. T. Brunton, T. E. Collins, J. A. Drake, C. K. Fraser, L. G.
Grant, F. T. Jellet, J. M. Keane, C. C. McCarthy, K. R. McGeachin, C. M. Miller,
E. R. Peck, A. J. Perry, W. J. Richardson, H. J. Rose, J. P. Rose, T. V. Sheppard,
A. B. Smith, B. B. Smith, D. B. Windebank.

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, Nos. 163, 165 (Parliamentary Officers).

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- Customs Act—
 Customs Proclamation—No. 691.
 Regulations—Statutory Rules—
 1947, No. 164.
 1948, No. 6.
- Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1948, No. 11.
- Dairy Produce Export Control Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1948, No. 1.
- Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, Nos. 166, 167.
- Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—
 National Security (Apple and Pear Acquisition) Regulations—Order—Apple and pear acquisition 1947–48.
 National Security (Economic Organization) Regulations—Orders—
 Exemption.
 War service land settlement—Victoria (6—dated 1st December, 1947, 3rd December, 1947 (2), and 12th January, 1948 (3)).
 National Security (Enemy Property) Regulations—Order—Persons ceasing to be enemy subjects.
 National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—Orders—Inventions and designs (31).
 National Security (Prices) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 3166, 3167, 3178–3182, 3184–3256.
 National Security (Rabbit Skins) Regulations—Order—Returns.
 National Security (Rationing) Regulations—Order—No. 152.
 National Security (Shipping Co-ordination) Regulations—Order—1947, No. 57.
 National Security (Wheat Acquisition) Regulations—Order—Acquisition of wheat.
 Regulations—Statutory Rules—
 1947, No. 168.
 1948, Nos. 2, 3, 4, 7, 10, 15.
- Egg Export Charges Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1948, No. 17.
- Egg Export Control Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1948, No. 18.
- Immigration Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, No. 161.
- Income Tax Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, No. 173.
- Judiciary Act—Rule of Court, dated 21st October, 1947.
- Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—
 Council for Scientific and Industrial Research purposes—
 Armidale, New South Wales.
 Geelong, Victoria.
 Indooroopilly, Queensland.
 Defence purposes—
 Amberley, Queensland.
 Dowerin South, Western Australia.
 Hamilton, Victoria.
 Rushcutters Bay, New South Wales.
 Springbank, South Australia.
 Stuart Junction, Queensland.
 Department of Civil Aviation purposes—
 Bowen, Queensland.
 Carpentaria Downs, Queensland.
 Cooktown, Queensland.
 Geraldton, Western Australia.
 Kalgoorlie, Western Australia.
 Kingscote, South Australia.
 Townsville, Queensland.
 Winton, Queensland.
 Department of the Interior purposes—Port Hedland, Western Australia.
 Department of Social Services purposes—Warrawee, New South Wales.
 Department of Works and Housing purposes—Perth, Western Australia.
 Postal purposes—
 Altona, Victoria.
 Caloundra, Queensland.
 Cessnock, New South Wales.
 Clifton, Queensland.
 Coonamble, New South Wales.
 Corinda, Queensland.
 Cremorne, New South Wales.
 Darlinghurst, New South Wales.
 Diamond Creek, Victoria.
 Gawler, South Australia.
 Haymarket (Sydney), New South Wales.
 Katanning, Western Australia.
 Kew East, Victoria.
 Mallala, South Australia.
 Melton, Victoria.
 Mosman Park, Western Australia.
 Newmarket, Victoria.
 Singleton, New South Wales.

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Somerton, Victoria.
 Sunshine, Victoria.
 Temora, New South Wales.
 Tully, Queensland.
 Woolloongabba, Queensland.
 Yarram, Victoria.

Telephonic purposes—Rockhampton, Queensland.

Meat Export Control Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1948, No. 12.

Nationality Act—Return for 1947.

Norfolk Island Act—Ordinance—1948—No. 1—Slaughtering.

Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Regulations—1947—

No. 3 (Darwin Town Area Leases Ordinance).

No. 4 (Aboriginals Ordinance).

Papua-New Guinea Provisional Administration Act—Ordinances—1947—

No. 13—Administration and Probate (New Guinea).

No. 14—Trustee Companies.

No. 15—Supply (No. 2) 1947-48.

1948—No. 1—Supply (No. 3) 1947-48.

Re-establishment and Employment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1948, Nos. 9, 16.

Science and Industry Research Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1948, No. 5.

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

1947—

No. 11—Housing.

No. 12—Education.

No. 13—Motor Traffic (No. 2).

No. 14—City Area Leases.

No. 15—Trustee Companies.

1948—No. 1—Liquor.

Regulations—1947—

No. 4 (Motor Traffic Ordinance).

No. 5 (Motor Traffic Ordinance).

Social Services Contribution Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, No. 172.

Stevedoring Industry Act—

Orders—

1947, "A"—"E".

1948, Nos. 1, 2.

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, No. 170.

Stevedoring Industry Charge Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, No. 171.

Superannuation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1948, No. 14.

War Service Homes Act—Report of War Service Homes Commission for year 1946-47, together with statements and balance-sheet.

5. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 4), CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADIAN PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (NO. 3), AND EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 3).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

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

CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 4).

That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1933-1939, as proposed to be amended by Customs Tariff Proposals, be further amended as hereinafter set out, and that on and after the nineteenth day of February, One thousand nine hundred and forty-eight, 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.

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

14th November, 1946 ;
 14th November, 1947 ; and
 18th November, 1947.

18th February, 1948.

IMPORT DUTIES.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
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 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 (i) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“ (i) 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.”
DIVISION II.—TOBACCO AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF.			
18. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :—			
“ 18. Tobacco, unmanufactured, n.e.i. - - - per lb.	12s.	12s.	12s.”
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.	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.	17s. 8d.	17s. 8d.”
22. By omitting the whole of sub-item (A) (twice occurring) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“ (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.”
DIVISION IV.—AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND GROCERIES.			
53. By omitting the whole of sub-item (B) (twice occurring) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“ (B) Dates - - - - - per lb.	3d.	3d.	3d.”
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.

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IMPORT DUTIES—*continued.*

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
Division IV.—Agricultural Products and Groceries—<i>continued.</i>			
73— <i>continued.</i>			
“ 73. Matches, &c.— <i>continued.</i>			
(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 V.—TEXTILES, FELTS AND FURS, AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND ATTIRE.

130. By omitting the whole of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“ (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 (B), <i>and</i> , in addition per square yard	1d.	1d.	1d.”

DIVISION VI.—METALS AND MACHINERY.

174. By omitting the whole of paragraph (12) of sub-item (M)			
208. By omitting the whole of sub-item (J).			

DIVISION X.—WOOD, WICKER, AND CANE.

291. By omitting the proviso to sub-item (t).			
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DIVISION XI.—JEWELLERY AND FANCY GOODS.

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 :—			
“ (b) Otherwise—			
(1) Up to and including 16 millimetres in width per lineal foot	½d.	½d.	½d.
(2) Over 16 millimetres in width per lineal foot	1d.	1d.	1d.”

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.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (x) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“ (x) Cigarette tubes, paper and papers—			
For each 60 cigarette tubes	2d.	2d.	2d.
For each 60 cigarette papers or the equivalent of 60 cigarette papers	2d.	2d.	2d.”

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 ”
371. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :—			
“ 371. Articles imported or cleared from bond for the personal or official use of—			
(A) the Governor-General or any member of his family	Free	Free	Free
(B) a member of the staff of the Governor-General, provided that that member is not an Australian citizen	Free	Free	Free ”

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IMPORT DUTIES—*continued.*

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
Division XVI.—Miscellaneous—<i>continued.</i>			
371A. By omitting the whole item.			
372. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “ 372. Articles imported or cleared from bond for the personal or official use of— (A) a State Governor or any member of his family - - - - - (B) a member of the staff of a State Governor, provided that that member is not an Australian citizen - - - - -	Free Free	Free Free	Free Free ”
373. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “ 373. (A) Articles imported or cleared from bond for the personal or official use of— (1) the diplomatic representative in the Commonwealth of any foreign country - - - - - (2) the High Commissioner in the Commonwealth of any part of the King's dominions - - - - - (3) the official representative (not being a High Commissioner) in the Commonwealth of a part of the King's dominions, being a citizen of that part - - - - - (4) a consular representative in the Commonwealth of any foreign country, provided that that consular representative is a citizen of the country he represents and is not otherwise engaged in any business, occupation or profession - - - - - (5) a Trade Commissioner in the Commonwealth of any British or foreign country, provided that that Trade Commissioner is a citizen of the country he represents and is not otherwise engaged in any business, occupation or profession - - - - - (6) a member of the staff of any person mentioned in paragraphs (1) to (5) (both inclusive) of this sub-item, provided that that member is a citizen of the country represented - - - - - (7) a member of the family of any person mentioned in the preceding paragraphs of this sub-item - - - - - The Minister may determine that the application of this sub-item in relation to any country shall be conditional on that country granting freedom from customs duty to the representatives of the Commonwealth holding corresponding positions in that country, to their families, and to members of their staffs (being Australian citizens) (B) Articles imported or cleared from bond for the official use of the representative in the Commonwealth of a British or foreign country, not being a citizen of the country represented, and declared as being for such official use, subject to the approval of the Minister - - - - -	Free Free Free Free Free Free Free Free Free Free Free	Free Free Free Free Free Free Free Free Free Free Free	Free Free Free Free Free Free Free Free Free Free Free ”
393. By omitting the whole of paragraph (1) of sub-item (D) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— “ (1) Having a running length not exceeding 2,400 yards per lb. or made from yarns up to and including 24 lea but not including threads put up for household use (other than in skeins) in quantities not exceeding 2 ounces ; Blake, Welt and Lockstitch threads - - - - - ad val.	20 per cent.	35 per cent.	37½ per cent.”
399. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “ 399. Fire brigade and life saving appliances, n.e.i., as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - ad val.	Free	10 per cent.	10 per cent.”
427. By adding a new sub-item (E) as follows :— “ (E) Sculptures by Australian students or Australian sculptors resident abroad for a period not exceeding seven years - - - - -	Free	Free	Free ”

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CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADIAN PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (No. 3).

That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1934-1939* as proposed to be amended by Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) Proposals, be further amended as hereinafter set out, and that on and after the nineteenth day of February, One thousand nine hundred and forty-eight, 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.

(2) That in this Resolution "Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) Proposals" mean the Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the following dates, namely:—

14th November, 1947; and
18th November, 1947.

Tariff Item.	Tariff on goods the produce or manufacture of Canada
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DIVISION XIV.—VEHICLES.

Ex. 359. Vehicle parts, viz. :—

By inserting after sub-item (D) the following :—

"(F) (3) Gears for vehicles with self-contained power excepting motor cycles and vehicles for railways and tramways, viz. :—Crown wheels and pinions, transmission gears, differential gears, worms and worm wheels, internal tooth gears, jack shaft pinions and fly-wheel starter bands—

when incorporated in or forming part of any goods classifiable under Tariff Item 359 (D) (4) except when imported with motor vehicles or motor vehicle chassis as original equipment

ad val. 20 per cent.
and per lb. 2s. 3d.

when imported separately

Intermediate
Tariff."

EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT No. (3).

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 nineteenth day of February, One thousand nine hundred and forty-eight, 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 in this Resolution "Excise Tariff Proposals" mean the Excise Tariff Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the following dates, namely:—

14th November, 1946; and
4th June, 1947.

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.
For the purposes of this item beer means any fermented liquor brewed from a mash of malted or other grains or extracts from malted or other grains with or without sugars or glucose or both sugars and glucose, hops or other vegetable bitters."	
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."

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EXCISE DUTIES—continued.

Articles.	Rate of Duty.
2—continued.	
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.”
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	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	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	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	56s. 6d.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (c) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—	
“ (c) 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	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	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	55s. 6d.”
By omitting the whole of sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (1) of sub-item (1.) and inserting in its stead the following sub-paragraph :—	
“ (a) To each liquid gallon of which are added six ounces avoirdupois of citrus essential oil or one-half ounce avoirdupois of approved citrus terpeneless essential oil, produced in Australia from Australian raw materials	12s.
Provided that, for each additional ounce avoirdupois of such essential oil or for each additional one-twelfth ounce avoirdupois of such approved citrus terpeneless essential oil which is added to each liquid gallon of spirit the rate of duty shall be reduced by sixpence per proof gallon—with a minimum duty of	10s.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (o) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—	
“ (o) Spirits, n.e.i.	65s. 6d.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (q) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—	
“ (q) Spirit for use in Public Hospitals, or for use in the manufacture of Medicinal Preparations for use in Public Hospitals, subject to Regulations	Free ”
3. By omitting the whole of sub-item (b) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—	
“ (b) Amylic Alcohol and Fusel Oil, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws	Free ”
4. By omitting the whole of sub-item (b) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—	
“ (b) Saccharin for all medicinal purposes, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws	Free ”

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EXCISE DUTIES—*continued.*

Articles.	Rate of Duty.
12. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— " 12. Playing Cards - - - - - per dozen packs	10s."
14. By omitting the whole item (twice occurring) and inserting in its stead the following item :— " 14. Cigarette tubes, paper and papers— For each 60 cigarette tubes - - - - - For each 60 cigarette papers or the equivalent of 60 cigarette papers -	1½d. 1½d."
15. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— " 15. Matches - - - - - per 8,640 matches	8s."
19. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— " 19. Valves for wireless telegraphy and telephony including rectifying valves each	3s. 9d."

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 1).—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In the Committee.*)

[See proposed Resolution for Customs Tariff Amendment of the 14th November, 1946 (pages 21-3)]

The motion previously moved by Mr. Pollard (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) was agreed to, after debate.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Pollard 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. Pollard was adopted by the House.

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

7. CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL 1948. —Mr. Pollard (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) then brought up a Bill intitled " *A Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Customs* ", and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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

Debate ensued.

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

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

(*In the Committee.*)

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.

Schedule debated—

Items 3 and 19 taken together and debated.

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

The House resumed : Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

8. ADJOURNMENT. —Mr. Pollard (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seventeen minutes past ten 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. Beazley, Mr. Edmonds, Mr. Evatt, Sir Earle Page and Mr. Scullin.

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