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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 112.

FRIDAY, 20TH FEBRUARY, 1948.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.--Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department of Labour and National Service—J. L. Buckland, R. Cousland.
4. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (No. 1).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

[See proposed Resolution for Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) Amendment of the 14th November, 1947 (pages 386-93).]
The motion previously moved by Mr. Pollard (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) was agreed to.
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. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction) 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. Dedman, was adopted by the House.

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

5. CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) BILL 1948.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction) then brought up a Bill intituled "A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) 1933-1934'", and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. Dedman moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.

Schedule debated and agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

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

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6. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADIAN PREFERENCE) 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 (Canadian Preference) Amendment of the 14th November, 1947 (pages 394-6).]

The motion previously moved by Mr. Pollard (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) was debated—

Mr. McEwen moved, That Item 157 be postponed.

Debate continued.

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.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Anthony addressing the House—

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, 34.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Langtry
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Burke	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Calwell	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Chifley	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Clark	Mr. Russell
Mr. Daly	Mr. Scully
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Ward
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Hadley	Mr. Williams
Mr. Haylen	
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. James	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Sheehan

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Mr. Abbott	Mr. Hughes
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Hutchinson
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Lang
Mr. Beale	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Fadden	Mr. White
Mr. Falkinder	
Mr. Francis	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Corser
Mr. Hamilton	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Harrison	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

And then the House, at two minutes past one o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Beazley, Mr. Edmonds, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Holt, Mr. Howse, Dame Enid Lyons, Mr. McBride, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Scullin* and Mr. Spender.

* On leave.

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