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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 135.

WEDNESDAY, 2ND JUNE, 1948.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.
Question—put and passed.
3. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

[Representation Bill 1948]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 134.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to increase the Number of Senators and for other purposes", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 6th May, 1948.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

[Commonwealth Electoral Bill 1948]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 135.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to amend the 'Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918-1946' and the 'Senate Elections Act 1903-1922'", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 6th May, 1948.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

[Supply and Development Bill 1948]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 136.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to amend the 'Supply and Development Act 1939-1944'", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 6th May, 1948.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

[Superannuation Bill 1948]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 137.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to amend the 'Superannuation Act 1922-1947' and for other purposes", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 6th May, 1948.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

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[*Transferred Officers' Allowances Bill 1948*—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 138.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the payment of Allowances to certain Transferred Officers*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 6th May, 1948.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

4. 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. 73.

A Proposed Law intituled "*Acoustic Laboratories Act 1948*" 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, 15th May, 1948.

W. J. MCKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 74.

Proposed Laws intituled:—

- "*Representation Act 1948*"
- "*Commonwealth Electoral Act 1948*"
- "*Supply and Development Act 1948*"
- "*Superannuation Act 1948*"
- "*Transferred Officers' Allowances Act 1948*"

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, 18th May, 1948.

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

Tariff Board—Report—Vacuum Cleaners and Vacuum Cleaner Parts.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

Japan—British Commonwealth Occupation Force—Report of Committee of Investigation—

(1) by the Chaplains-General.

(2) by Major-General C. E. M. Lloyd, C.B.E., and Mr. Massey Stanley.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1948, No. 51.

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determination by the Arbitrator, &c.—1948—No. 31—
Australian Third Division Telegraphists' and Postal Clerks' Union; Commonwealth
Telegraph Traffic and Supervisory Officers' Association; and Fourth Division Postmasters,
Postal Clerks and Telegraphists' Union.

Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—

Interior—F. A. Daw, E. J. Desmond, G. M. Duncan, R. C. Hoath, A. F. Hurren, J. J.
McGann, J. W. Nicholas, H. G. Oliphant, S. K. Rawlings, J. W. Roberts, B. D.
Robertson, H. G. Rosman, J. A. Sandow, G. B. Todd, V. de P. M. Wilkinson, J. G.
Windsor.

Supply and Development—K. A. Summons.

Dairy Produce Export Control Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1948, No. 53.

Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1948, No. 59.

Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—

National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—Orders—Inventions and designs (95).

National Security (War Damage to Property) Regulations—War Damage Commission—
Report for 1947.

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1948, No. 55.

High Commissioner Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1948, No. 58.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—

Banking purposes—Melbourne, Victoria.

Commonwealth office accommodation purposes—Hobart, Tasmania.

Council for Scientific and Industrial Research purposes—Trangie, New South Wales.

Defence purposes—

Livingstone, Northern Territory.

New Farm, Queensland.

Newcastle, New South Wales.

Oaklands, New South Wales.

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Department of Civil Aviation purposes—

- Bowen, Queensland.
- Bundaberg, Queensland.
- Carnarvon, Western Australia.
- Condamine, Queensland.
- Mascot, New South Wales.

Department of the Interior purposes—Onslow, Western Australia.

Department of Social Services purposes—Clovelly, New South Wales.

Department of Trade and Customs purposes—Forbes, New South Wales.

Overseas Telecommunications Commission purposes—Broome, Western Australia.

Postal purposes—

- Balaklava, South Australia.
- Dromana, Victoria.
- Fremantle, Western Australia.
- Newport, Victoria.
- Parkes, New South Wales.
- Ultima, Victoria.

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1948, No. 24 (substitute copy).

Passports Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1948, No. 52.

Pharmaceutical Benefits Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1948, No. 56.

Re-establishment and Employment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1948, Nos. 54, 57.

6. 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.

7. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 5), AND EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 4).—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. 5).

That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1933–1948 be amended as hereinafter set out, and that, on and after the third day of June, 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* 1933–1948 as so amended.

IMPORT DUTIES.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.

DIVISION V.—TEXTILES, FELTS AND FURS, AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND ATTIRE.

122. By omitting the whole of sub-item (c) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(c) Cotton cloths and material cut into shape therefor, not being felt, impregnated with oil or fatty matter and finely divided mineral matter, of a type used for polishing metalware and glassware ad val.	12½ per cent.	27½ per cent.	45 per cent.”
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DIVISION VI.—METALS AND MACHINERY.

174. By omitting the whole of paragraph (45) of sub-item (x).			
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DIVISION IX.—DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.

269. By omitting the whole of sub-item (d) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(d) Nicotine and rotenone spraying preparations ; liquid hydrocyanic acid gas, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws	Free	Free	Free ”
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DIVISION XI.—JEWELLERY AND FANCY GOODS.

319. By omitting the whole of paragraph (3) of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— “(3) Matrices for use in connexion with the manufacture of talking machine records— (a) Stamping matrices ad val. (b) Other matrices ad val.	30 per cent. Free	57½ per cent. 12½ per cent.	57½ per cent. 12½ per cent.”
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8. DEFENCE FORCES RETIREMENT BENEFITS BILL 1948.—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.
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.)

Clause 1—
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Sheehy reported accordingly.
Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

9. INTERNATIONAL WHEAT AGREEMENT BILL 1948.—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. McEwen be granted an extension of time.
Debate continued.
Mr. Cameron 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.
10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Holloway (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-seven minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Beazley, Mr. Blain, Mr. Burke, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Lazzarini, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Scullin, Mr. Spender and Mr. Watkins.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.