

1948-49.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 108.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER, 1949.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., according to the terms of the Resolution of the 7th July last.—The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Clark) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.—Mr. Deputy Speaker informed the House that the Right Honorable Lord Fairfax, a Member of the House of Lords, was within the precincts. The distinguished visitor thereupon, with the concurrence of honorable Members, was provided with a seat on the floor of the House.
3. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORTS.—Mr. Rankin (Vice-Chairman) brought up the following Reports from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works :—
Report relating to the proposed erection of a hostel for officers at Darwin, Northern Territory.
Report relating to the proposed construction of a sewerage installation at Alice Springs, Northern Territory.
Severally ordered to be printed.
4. DEATHS OF EUROPEAN CHILD MIGRANTS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.—Mr. Calwell (Minister for Immigration), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the deaths, at Albury, of twelve European child migrants, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Papers :—
(1) Deaths of European Child Migrants—Ministerial Statement ;
(2) Report on the Deaths by the Medical Superintendent of Bonegilla Hospital ;
(3) Letter, dated 5th September, 1949, to the Minister for Immigration from Major-General C. E. M. Lloyd, Chief of Australian and New Zealand Mission of the United Nations' International Refugee Organization, and
(4) Cablegrams from the International Refugee Organization to the Minister for Immigration and to Major-General Lloyd—
and moved, That the Ministerial Statement be printed.
Question—put and passed.
5. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Deputy Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

[*Supplementary Appropriation Bill 1947-48*]—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 97.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-eight*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,
Canberra, 7th July, 1949.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

[*Supplementary Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Bill 1947-48*]—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 98.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to appropriate a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-eight, for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 7th July, 1949.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

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

W. J. McKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 51.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

“ *Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Power Act 1949* ”

“ *Pharmaceutical Benefits Act (No. 2) 1949* ”

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, 7th July, 1949.

W. J. McKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 52.

A Proposed Law intituled “ *Genocide Convention Act 1949* ” 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, 12th July, 1949.

W. J. McKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 53.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

“ *Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1949* ”

“ *Liquid Fuel (Defence Stocks) Act 1949* ”

“ *Cockatoo and Schnapper Islands Act 1949* ”

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, 12th July, 1949.

W. J. McKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 54.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

“ *Immigration Act 1949* ”

“ *War-time Refugees Removal Act 1949* ”

“ *Whaling Industry Act 1949* ”

“ *Census and Statistics Act 1949* ”

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, 12th July, 1949.

W. J. McKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 55.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

“ *Post and Telegraph Act 1949* ”

“ *Lighthouses Act 1949* ”

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, 13th July, 1949.

W. J. McKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 56.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

“ *Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act 1949* ”

“ *Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act 1949* ”

“ *Stevedoring Industry Act 1949* ”

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 July, 1949.

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W. J. McKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 57.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

“ *Supplementary Appropriation Act 1947-48* ”“ *Supplementary Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Act 1947-48* ”

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, 19th July, 1949.

7. PAPERS.—Mr. Deputy Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute—

Commonwealth Bank Act—Balance-sheets of Commonwealth Bank and Commonwealth Savings Bank as at 30th June, 1949; together with Auditor-General's reports thereon.

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

Tariff Board—Reports—

Cinematographs.

Cooking stoves and cooking ranges.

Foundation garments.

Fuel injection equipment.

Home cinematographs.

Motor vehicle bodies and pressed metal panels.

Surgical instruments.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

Nauru—

Native Administration Ordinance—Administration Order 1946, No. 1.

Ordinances—

1947—

No. 1—Ordinances Revision.

No. 2—Census.

1948—No. 1—Commissions of Inquiry.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Apple and Pear Export Charges Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1949, No. 52.

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1949—

No. 50—Fourth Division Postmasters, Postal Clerks and Telegraphists' Union and others.

Nos. 51 and 52—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.

No. 53—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.

No. 54—Australian Leather and Allied Trades Employees' Federation.

No. 55—Non-Official Postmasters' Association of Australia.

No. 56—Commonwealth Works Supervisors' Association.

No. 57—Federated Ironworkers' Association of Australia.

No. 58—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.

No. 59—Association of Railway Professional Officers of Australia.

Nos. 60 and 61—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.

No. 62—Civil Air Operations Officers' Association of Australia.

No. 63—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.

Australian National Airlines Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1949, No. 51.

Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1949, No. 46.

Commonwealth Bank Act—Appointment—J. H. Olfen.

Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1949, No. 49.

Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—

Army—L. G. Bishop, T. K. Fisher.

Defence—H. W. Berry, D. I. MacLean, S. J. Mayne, L. G. Reddy, A. W. F. Rogers.

Interior—L. H. Coffey, R. G. Hewson, E. J. W. Juster.

Labour and National Service—E. M. Oxenham.

Parliamentary Library—C. W. N. Gilbert.

Supply and Development—J. A. Dunn, N. H. V. Hoyling, W. A. Rachinger.

Works and Housing—J. P. Birrell, F. H. Brown, G. J. Harrison, J. M. Hawke, B. Hyland,

N. D. Hyland, L. F. Liscombe, G. P. Radecki, J. B. Redmond, A. S. Richards.

Customs Act—Customs Proclamations—Nos. 749-751.

Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1949, Nos. 53, 54.

Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1949, No. 55.

Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1949, No. 48.

Immigration Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1949, No. 45.

Income Tax Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1949, No. 50.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—

Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization purposes—Deniliquin, New South Wales.

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

Defence purposes—

Amberley, Queensland.

Benalla, Victoria.

Berkshire Park, New South Wales.

Brighton, Tasmania.

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- Colmslie, Queensland.
 Diggers Rest, Victoria.
 Garbutt, North Queensland.
 Greta, New South Wales.
 North Fremantle (Buckland Hill), Western Australia.
 Prospect, New South Wales.
 Rothwell, Victoria.
 South Fremantle, Western Australia.
 South Plympton, South Australia.
 St. Marys, New South Wales.
 Wallangarra, Queensland.
 Westernport, Victoria.
- Department of Civil Aviation purposes—
 Albion Park, New South Wales.
 Broome, Western Australia.
 Carnarvon, Western Australia.
 Ceduna, South Australia.
 Cunnamulla, Queensland.
 Devonport, Tasmania.
 Eagle Farm, Queensland (2).
 Guildford, Western Australia.
 Mascot, New South Wales.
 Port Lincoln, South Australia.
 Richmond, New South Wales.
 Whyalla, South Australia.
- Department of Supply and Development purposes—Watheroo, Western Australia.
 Department of Trade and Customs purposes—Angaston, South Australia.
- Department of Works and Housing purposes—
 Guildford, Western Australia.
 Leichhardt, New South Wales.
- Immigration purposes—Dundas, New South Wales.
- Postal purposes—
 Adelaide, South Australia (2).
 Armadale, Western Australia.
 Avalon, New South Wales.
 Ballan, Victoria.
 Beresfield, New South Wales.
 Blakehurst, New South Wales.
 Bowral, New South Wales.
 Buderim, Queensland.
 Canley Vale, New South Wales.
 Castle Hill, New South Wales.
 Charlton, Victoria.
 Clayton, Victoria.
 Coogee, New South Wales.
 Darra, Queensland.
 Drummoyne, New South Wales.
 East Maitland, New South Wales.
 Eden, New South Wales.
 Ferny Creek, Victoria.
 Forbes, New South Wales.
 Gordonvale, Queensland.
 Gosford, New South Wales.
 Grafton, New South Wales.
 Grenfell, New South Wales.
 Kangaloon, New South Wales.
 Kurrajong, New South Wales.
 Lang Lang, Victoria.
 Lawson, New South Wales.
 Marryatville, South Australia.
 Metung, Victoria.
 Mount Victoria, New South Wales.
 Murwillumbah, New South Wales.
 Nambour, Queensland.
 Nambucca Heads, New South Wales.
 Nedlands, Western Australia.
 Noble Park, Victoria.
 North Melbourne, Victoria.
 North Sydney, New South Wales.
 Orange, New South Wales.
 Redfern, New South Wales.
 Sale, Victoria.
 Sandy Bay, Tasmania.
 Sans Souci, New South Wales.
 Singleton, New South Wales.
 South Gladstone, Queensland.

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Springwood, New South Wales.
 Stanthorpe, Queensland.
 St. Marys, New South Wales.
 Subiaco, Western Australia.
 Three Springs, Western Australia.
 Unley, South Australia.
 Violet Town, Victoria.
 Warragul, Victoria.
 Willoughby, New South Wales.
 Wingham, New South Wales.
 Woodford, Queensland.
 Woonona, New South Wales.
 Yeelanna, South Australia.

National Emergency (Coal Strike) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1949, No. 43.

Norfolk Island Act—Ordinance—1949—No. 1—Matrimonial Causes.

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—

Ordinance—1949—No. 6—Police and Police Offences.

Regulations—1949—

No. 4 (Health Ordinance).

No. 5 (Aboriginals Ordinance).

Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinances—1949—

No. 1—Ordinances Interpretation.

No. 2—Supreme Court.

No. 3—Public Service Ordinance Adaptation.

No. 4—Liquor.

No. 5—Liquor (Papua).

Papua and New Guinea Bounties Act—Return for year 1948-49.

Papua-New Guinea Provisional Administration Act—Ordinance—1949—No. 4—Supply (No. 1) 1949-50.

Passports Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1949, No. 41.

Pharmaceutical Benefits Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1949, No. 44.

Raw Cotton Bounty Act—Return for 1948.

Social Services Consolidation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1949, No. 42.

Social Services Contribution Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1949, No. 47.

Sulphur Bounty Act—Return for year 1948-49.

Tractor Bounty Act—Return for year 1948-49.

Trade Marks Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1949, No. 40.

War Service Homes Act—Land acquired at Nunawading, Victoria.

Wire Netting Bounty Act—Return for year 1948-49.

8. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ESTIMATES 1949-50.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and were read by Mr. Deputy Speaker:—

W. J. McKELL,

Governor-General.

Message No. 58.

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 fifty, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Canberra, 7th September, 1949.

W. J. McKELL,

Governor-General.

Message No. 59.

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 and Other Services involving Capital Expenditure for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Canberra, 7th September, 1949.

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

9. 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.—Senate—namely—

Salaries and allowances	£12,400
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be agreed to.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Lazzarini reported accordingly.

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

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10. PAPERS.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—The Budget, 1949–50—Papers presented by the Right Honorable J. B. Chifley, M.P., for the information of honorable Members on the occasion of the Budget of 1949–50.
National Income and Expenditure 1948–49.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—STATES GRANTS (COAL STRIKE EMERGENCY) BILL 1949.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Deputy Speaker :—

W. J. McKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 60.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a Sum for the purpose of Financial Assistance to the States by reason of the losses and costs incurred by the States as a result of the Coal Strike.

Canberra, 7th September, 1949.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

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

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a Sum for the purpose of Financial Assistance to the States by reason of the losses and costs incurred by the States as a result of the Coal Strike.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Lazzarini reported accordingly.

Mr. Dedman 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. Riordan do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

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

Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) 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.

12. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—STATES GRANTS (ADMINISTRATION OF CONTROLS REIMBURSEMENT) BILL 1949.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Deputy Speaker :—

W. J. McKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 61.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to make provision for the grant of Financial Assistance to the States in connexion with the Administration of Prices, Rents and Land Sales Controls, and for other purposes.

Canberra, 7th September, 1949.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

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

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to make provision for the grant of Financial Assistance to the States in connexion with the administration of Prices, Rents and Land Sales Controls, and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Burke reported accordingly.

Mr. Dedman 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.

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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. Riordan do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

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

Mr. Harrison 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.

13. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—UNITED KINGDOM GRANT BILL 1949.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Deputy Speaker :—

W. J. McKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 62.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of Ten million pounds as a Grant to His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom.

Canberra, 7th September, 1949.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

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

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of Ten million pounds as a Grant to His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Lazzarini reported accordingly.

Mr. Dedman 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. Riordan do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

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

Mr. Harrison 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.

14. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the intervening business be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 10, Government Business.

15. WAYS AND MEANS—ENTERTAINMENTS TAX AND SALES TAX.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence) moved—

ENTERTAINMENTS TAX.

That, on and after the first day of October, 1949, in lieu of the rates imposed by the *Entertainments Tax Act 1942-1949*, the rates of entertainments tax be—

- (a) in the case of an entertainment to which paragraph (a) or (b) of section five of that Act applies—as set out in the second column of the Schedule hereto ; and
- (b) in the case of any other entertainment—as set out in the third column of that Schedule,

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THE SCHEDULE.

First Column. Amount paid for admission (excluding the amount of the tax).	Second Column. Rates of Tax.	Third Column. Rates of Tax.
Not exceeding One shilling	Nil	Twopence
Exceeding One shilling but not exceeding One shilling and threepence	Nil	Fourpence
Exceeding One shilling and threepence but not exceeding One shilling and sixpence	Threepence	Fourpence
Exceeding One shilling and sixpence but not exceeding Two shillings	Fourpence	Fivepence
Exceeding Two shillings but not exceeding Two shillings and sixpence	Fivepence	Sevenpence
Exceeding Two shillings and sixpence but not exceeding Three shillings	Sixpence	Ninepence
Exceeding Three shillings but not exceeding Three shillings and sixpence	Eightpence	Tenpence
Exceeding Three shillings and sixpence but not exceeding Four shillings	Ninepence	One shilling
Exceeding Four shillings but not exceeding Four shillings and sixpence	Tenpence	One shilling and one penny
Exceeding Four shillings and sixpence but not exceeding Five shillings	Elevenpence	One shilling and threepence
Exceeding Five shillings but not exceeding Five shillings and sixpence	One shilling and one penny	One shilling and fivepence
Exceeding Five shillings and sixpence but not exceeding Six shillings	One shilling and threepence	One shilling and eightpence
Exceeding Six shillings	One shilling and fivepence, plus One penny three farthings for each sixpence (or part thereof) by which the payment for admission exceeds Six shillings and sixpence, a fraction of a penny less than Three farthings in the amount of the tax being disregarded and Three farthings in that amount being regarded as a penny	One shilling and tenpence, plus Twopence halfpenny for each sixpence (or part thereof) by which the payment for admis- sion exceeds Six shillings and sixpence, a halfpenny in the amount of the tax being disregarded

SALES TAX.

(1.) That, in respect of goods not covered by the Third Schedule to the Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act and on the sale value of which it is not provided by that Act that sales tax shall not be payable, in lieu of the rate of tax imposed by the *Sales Tax Act (No. 1) 1930-1946*, sales tax at the rate of Eight and one-third per centum be imposed upon the sale value of goods manufactured in Australia by a taxpayer and on or after the eighth day of September, One thousand nine hundred and forty-nine, sold by him or treated by him as stock for sale by retail or applied to his own use.

(2.) That, in respect of goods not covered by the Third Schedule to the Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act and on the sale value of which it is not provided by that Act that sales tax shall not be payable, in lieu of the rate of tax imposed by the *Sales Tax Act (No. 2) 1930-1946*, sales tax at the rate of Eight and one-third per centum be imposed upon the sale value of goods manufactured in Australia and sold on or after the eighth day of September, One thousand nine hundred and forty-nine, by a taxpayer who purchased them from the manufacturer.

(3.) That, in respect of goods not covered by the Third Schedule to the Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act and on the sale value of which it is not provided by that Act that sales tax shall not be payable, in lieu of the rate of tax imposed by the *Sales Tax Act (No. 3) 1930-1946*, sales tax at the rate of Eight and one-third per centum be imposed upon the sale value of goods manufactured in Australia and sold on or after the eighth day of September, One thousand nine hundred and forty-nine, by a taxpayer not being either the manufacturer of those goods or a purchaser of those goods from the manufacturer.

(4.) That, in respect of goods not covered by the Third Schedule to the Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act and on the sale value of which it is not provided by that Act that sales tax shall not be payable, in lieu of the rate of tax imposed by the *Sales Tax Act (No. 4) 1930-1946*, sales tax at the rate of Eight and one-third per centum be imposed upon the sale value of goods manufactured in Australia and sold to a taxpayer who has, on or after the eighth day of September, One thousand nine hundred and forty-nine, applied those goods to his own use.

(5.) That, in respect of goods not covered by the Third Schedule to the Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act and on the sale value of which it is not provided by that Act that sales tax shall not be payable, in lieu of the rate of tax imposed by the *Sales Tax Act (No. 5) 1930-1946*, sales tax at the rate of Eight and one-third per centum be imposed upon the sale value of goods imported into Australia by a taxpayer on or after the eighth day of September, One thousand nine hundred and forty-nine.

(6.) That, in respect of goods not covered by the Third Schedule to the Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act and on the sale value of which it is not provided by that Act that sales tax shall not be payable, in lieu of the rate of tax imposed by the *Sales Tax Act (No. 6) 1930-1946*, sales tax at the rate of Eight and one-third per centum be imposed upon the sale value of goods imported into Australia by a taxpayer and, on or after the eighth day of September, One thousand nine hundred and forty-nine, sold by him or applied by him to his own use.

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(7.) That, in respect of goods not covered by the Third Schedule to the Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act and on the sale value of which it is not provided by that Act that sales tax shall not be payable, in lieu of the rate of tax imposed by the *Sales Tax Act (No. 7) 1930-1946*, sales tax at the rate of Eight and one-third per centum be imposed upon the sale value of goods imported into Australia and sold on or after the eighth day of September, One thousand nine hundred and forty-nine, by a taxpayer not being the importer of the goods.

(8.) That, in respect of goods not covered by the Third Schedule to the Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act and on the sale value of which it is not provided by that Act that sales tax shall not be payable, in lieu of the rate of tax imposed by the *Sales Tax Act (No. 8) 1930-1946*, sales tax at the rate of Eight and one-third per centum be imposed upon the sale value of goods imported into Australia and sold to a taxpayer who has, on or after the eighth day of September, One thousand nine hundred and forty-nine, applied those goods to his own use.

(9.) That, in respect of goods not covered by the Third Schedule to the Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act and on the sale value of which it is not provided by that Act that sales tax shall not be payable, in lieu of the rate of tax imposed by the *Sales Tax Act (No. 9) 1930-1946*, sales tax at the rate of Eight and one-third per centum be imposed upon the sale value of goods in Australia, including goods which have gone into use or consumption in Australia, leased by a taxpayer to a lessee on or after the eighth day of September, One thousand nine hundred and forty-nine.

(10.) That, for the purposes of the foregoing resolutions, "the Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act" means the *Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1935-1948* as proposed to be amended by the *Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Bill 1949*.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Lazzarini reported accordingly.

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

16. SALES TAX (EXEMPTIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS) BILL 1949.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1935-1948*.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Dedman 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. Dedman moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Harrison 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.

17. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 2), EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 2), AND CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (No. 1).—The House, according to Order, again 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. 2).

1. That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff 1933-1948* be amended as hereinafter set out, and that, on and after the eighth day of September, One thousand nine hundred and forty-nine, 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.

2. That, without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (1.) of these Proposals, the Governor-General may, from time to time by Proclamation declare that, from a time and date specified in the Proclamation, the Intermediate Tariff shall apply to such goods specified in the Proclamation as are the produce or manufacture of any British or foreign country specified in the Proclamation.

3. That on and after the time and date specified in a Proclamation issued in accordance with the last preceding paragraph, the Intermediate Tariff shall apply to such goods specified in the Proclamation as are the produce or manufacture of a British or foreign country specified in that Proclamation.

4. That any Proclamation issued in accordance with paragraph (2.) of these Proposals may, from time to time, be revoked or varied by a further Proclamation, and upon the revocation or variation of the Proclamation, the Intermediate Tariff shall cease to apply to the goods specified in the Proclamation so revoked, or, as the case may be, the application of the Intermediate Tariff to the goods specified in the Proclamation so varied, shall be varied accordingly.

5. That in these Proposals, unless the contrary intention appears—

"Proclamation" means a Proclamation by the Governor-General, or the person for the time being administering the government of the Commonwealth, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, and published in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette*;

"the Intermediate Tariff" means the rates of duty set out in the Schedule to these Proposals, in the column headed "Intermediate Tariff", in respect of goods in relation to which the expression is used.

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IMPORT DUTIES.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
DIVISION V.—TEXTILES, FELTS AND FURS, AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND ATTIRE.			
110. By omitting the whole of sub-item (c) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item:— “ (c) Corsets including combined garments of which corsets form a part - - - ad val.	17½ per cent.	37½ per cent.	47½ per cent.”
118. By omitting the whole of paragraph (2) of sub-item (D) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph:— “ (2) Carpets, carpeting, carpet mats, carpet rugs and carpet door slips, viz.:—Loop pile or cut pile, bearing designs which have been printed on to the warp threads before weaving - ad val.	Free	12½ per cent.	27½ per cent.”
DIVISION VI.—METALS AND MACHINERY.			
178. By adding a new sub-item (L) as follows:— “ (L) (1) Fuel injection equipment, including atomizers, compression ignition engine, and parts n.e.i. therefor - - - ad val. (2) Nozzle testing outfits for testing the breaking or opening pressure of compression ignition engine fuel injection nozzles - ad val.	12½ per cent.	25 per cent.	30 per cent.
181. By omitting the whole of paragraph (2) of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph:— “ (2) Valves for wireless telegraphy and telephony including rectifying valves - - - each or ad val. whichever rate returns the higher duty.”	3s. 3d. 17½ per cent.	4s. 6d. 35 per cent.	5s. 35 per cent.
208. By omitting the whole of sub-item (κ) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item:— “ (κ) Cooking stoves and cooking ranges designed to function on the heat storage principle but not including cooking stoves and cooking ranges using gas or electricity— (1) Having a total roasting oven capacity of less than 4,000 cubic inches - ad val. (2) Other - - - - ad val.	Free 22½ per cent.	12½ per cent. 42½ per cent.	12½ per cent. 47½ per cent.”
DIVISION XI.—JEWELLERY AND FANCY GOODS.			
309. By omitting the whole of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item:— “ (B) Card cases, hatpins, matchboxes, serviette rings and clips, sovereign purses, n.e.i.; button hooks, glove stretchers, shoe horns and lifts, thimbles, feather dusters; beads strung or unstrung and necklets n.e.i., except those made of pearls, cultured pearls precious stones precious metals or imitation precious metals - - - ad val.	27½ per cent.	45 per cent.	52½ per cent.”
320. By omitting the whole of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item:— “ (A) Cinematographs having a film width capacity not greater than 9.5 millimetres - - - ad val. By omitting the whole of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item:— “ (B) (1) Cinematographs having a film width capacity greater than 9.5 millimetres, but not greater than 17.5 millimetres - - - ad val. (2) Cinematographs n.e.i., including arc lamps for projection purposes - - - ad val. By adding to sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (2) of sub-item (c) a new clause (3) as follows:— “ (3) Films of a scenic, tourist or travel nature produced or issued by or on behalf of government authorities or railway, airway or steamship companies or authorities, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - -	Free 15 per cent. 15 per cent. Free	10 per cent. 25 per cent. 42½ per cent. Free	10 per cent.” 30 per cent. 47½ per cent.” Free ”
DIVISION XVI.—MISCELLANEOUS.			
373. By inserting after paragraph (7) of sub-item (A) the following proviso:— “ This sub-item shall not apply in respect of any articles unless the person importing the articles agrees that, in the event of the articles being sold or otherwise disposed of in Australia within a period of two years after the date of entry of the articles for home consumption, he will, unless the Minister determines that by reason of special circumstances the duty shall not be payable, pay the duty which, but for this sub-item, would have been payable on the articles at the date of entry of the articles for home consumption.”			
408. By omitting the whole item (twice occurring) and inserting in its stead the following item:— “ 408. Outside packages n.e.i. and outer coverings, including the sole containing package, in which goods are ordinarily imported, when containing such goods - - - - -	Free	Free	Free ”

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IMPORT DUTIES—continued.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
Division XVI.—Miscellaneous—continued.			
409. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “ 409. (A) Passengers' personal effects; Passengers' furniture and household goods which have been in actual use by such passengers for at least one year, not exceeding £125 Australian currency in value for each adult passenger* * Two members of a family, being children, may be reckoned as one adult. (B) Goods, other than those covered by sub-item (A), imported by passengers— (1) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws (2) Other than those prescribed by Departmental By-laws under paragraph (1), as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - - ad val.	Free	Free	Free
410. By omitting the whole of paragraph (2) of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— “ (2) Oil or water colour paintings, not intended for sale, which have become the property of the owner under the will or intestacy of a deceased person or by gift, if the owner was, at the time when the paintings became his or its property, a person, body or institution resident or established in Australia - - - - -	Free	Free	Free ”
419. By adding to sub-item (c) a new paragraph (3) as follows :— “ (3) Other, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws ad val.	7½ per cent.	25 per cent.	30 per cent.”
427. By omitting the whole of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “ (A) Works of Art, not intended for sale, being statuary bequeathed or donated for the benefit of the public of Australia or to any Australian public institution, or which has become the property of the owner under the will or intestacy of a deceased person or by gift, if the owner was, at the time when the statuary became his or its property, a person, body or institution resident or established in Australia - - - - - By omitting the whole of sub-item (c) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “ (c) Monumental and other statuary figures being replicas or copies (i.e., Trade Work) and works of art being statuary n.e.i.; figures of the types ordinarily used as ornaments in the household ad val.	Free	Free	Free ”
	12½ per cent.	32½ per cent.	32½ per cent.”

EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 2).

That the Schedule to the *Excise Tariff* 1921–1948 be amended as hereinafter set out, and that, on and after the eighth day of September, One thousand nine hundred and forty-nine, 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* 1921–1948 as so amended.

EXCISE DUTIES.

Articles.	Rate of Duty.
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	2s. 9d.”

CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (No. 1).

That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference)* 1933–1948 be amended as hereinafter set out and that, on and after the eighth day of September, One thousand nine hundred and forty-nine, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Australian Capital Territory, Duties of Customs be collected in accordance with the *Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference)* 1933–1948 as so amended.

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Consecutive No.	Tariff Item.	Tariff rates on goods the produce or manufacture of New Zealand.
100 " 100	By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— Ex 320 (b) (2) Cinematographs n.e.i., including sound reproducing apparatus	15 per cent. ad. val."

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Lazzarini reported accordingly.

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

18. NEW GUINEA TIMBER RIGHTS ROYAL COMMISSION—REPORT—PRINTING OF PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister), That the Paper [*presented on the 24th June, 1949*], viz. :—

New Guinea Timber Rights Royal Commission—Report—

be printed—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed.

19. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Scully (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-seven minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, 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. Bowden, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Conelan, Mr. Edmonds, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Gullett, Mr. James, Mr. Johnson, Dame Enid Lyons, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Scullin and Mr. Watkins.

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