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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 73.

THURSDAY, 29TH MAY, 1952.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

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

Elections—Statistical Returns in relation to the Senate Elections, and the General Elections for the House of Representatives, 1949, for the several States and Territories.

Tariff Board—Reports—

Chain Pulley Blocks.

Cloth and Garment Pressing Machines.

Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Public Service Arbitration Act—Determinations—1952—

No. 37—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.

No. 38—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

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

Ordinance—1952—No. 6—National Memorials.

Regulations—1952—No. 10 (Building and Services Ordinance).

3. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF URGENCY—UNEMPLOYMENT.—Mr. Ward having proposed to Mr. Speaker that a definite matter of urgent public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "Increasing unemployment and the failure of the Government to honour its election promise to maintain full employment, and the inadequacy of the Commonwealth unemployment benefit payments"—

Mr. Speaker 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. Ward addressed the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Ward be granted an extension of time.

Discussion ensued.

Ordered—That Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) be granted an extension of time.

Discussion continued.

Several Members rising to address the House—

Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the Business of the Day be called on.

Question—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

AYES, 51.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Timson
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Davis	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. Luck	Mr. Townley
Mr. Beale	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Berry	Mr. Downer	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McBride	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drury	Mr. Holt	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hughes	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jack	Mr. McLeay	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. McMahon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Casey	Mr. Francis	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Corser	Mr. Freeth		Mr. Robertson	

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NOMES, 45.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Clarey	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Ward
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clark	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bird	Mr. Crean	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Morgan	
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Creamean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Mullens	
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Haylen	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Davies	Mr. James	Mr. Peters	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Daly
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Keon	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Russell	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

4. NEW GUINEA TIMBER AGREEMENT BILL 1952.—Mr. Hasluck (Minister for Territories) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to approve the Agreement made between the Commonwealth and Bulolo Gold Dredging Limited with respect to the formation of a Company to be known as Commonwealth-New Guinea Timbers Limited, and for purposes connected therewith. Question—put and passed. Mr. Hasluck 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. Hasluck moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time. Mr. Ward 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.
5. INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 2) 1952.—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. Mr. Riordan 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 a later hour this day.
6. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 5) AND EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 3).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved—

CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 5).

That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1933–1950, as proposed to be amended by Customs Tariff Proposals, be further amended as hereinafter set out, and that, on and after the thirtieth day of May, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-two, 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* 1933–1950 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—

“Customs Tariff Proposals” mean the Customs Tariff Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the following dates, namely:—

26th September, 1951; and

13th November, 1951;

“Proclamation” mean 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” mean 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.
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DIVISION I.—ALE, SPIRITS, AND BEVERAGES.

3. By omitting the whole of paragraph (1) of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— “(1) When not exceeding the strength of proof per gallon and per proof gallon	57s. 6d. 31s.	58s. 6d. 31s.	68s. 6d. 31s.”
By omitting the whole of sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (2) of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following sub-paragraph :— “(a) When not exceeding the strength of proof per gallon and per proof gallon	68s. 6d. 31s.	71s. 6d. 31s.	71s. 6d. 31s.”
By omitting the whole of paragraph (1) of sub-item (C) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— “(1) When not exceeding the strength of proof per gallon and per proof gallon	64s. 6d. 31s.	65s. 6d. 31s.	70s. 6d. 31s.”
By omitting the whole of paragraph (1) of sub-item (D) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— “(1) When not exceeding the strength of proof per gallon and per proof gallon	62s. 6d. 31s.	65s. 6d. 31s.	69s. 6d. 31s.”
By omitting the whole of paragraph (1) of sub-item (E) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— “(1) When not exceeding the strength of proof per gallon and per proof gallon	63s. 6d. 31s.	66s. 6d. 31s.	70s. 6d. 31s.”
By omitting the whole of paragraph (1) of sub-item (G) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— “(1) When not exceeding the strength of proof per gallon and per proof gallon	67s. 6d. 31s.	70s. 6d. 31s.	72s. 6d. 31s.”
By omitting the whole of paragraph (1) of sub-item (H) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— “(1) When not exceeding the strength of proof per gallon and per proof gallon	56s. 6d. 31s.	56s. 6d. 31s.	69s. 6d. 31s.”
By omitting the whole of paragraph (1) of sub-item (I) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— “(1) When not exceeding the strength of proof per gallon and per proof gallon	75s. 6d. 31s.	75s. 6d. 31s.	75s. 6d. 31s.”

DIVISION VI.—METALS AND MACHINERY.

174. By omitting the whole of paragraph (58) of sub-item (x). By omitting the whole of paragraph (59) of sub-item (x).			
176. By omitting from paragraph (1) of sub-item (E) the words “automatic neck-band presses ;” By omitting from paragraph (4) of sub-item (E) the words “manual pressing machines ;” By adding a new sub-item (Y) as follows :— “(Y) Pressing machines or pressing appliances, cloth or garment, not being of the type ordinarily used in the household— (1) Automatic, power-operated - ad val. (2) Manually-operated - ad val.	Free 12½ per cent.	12½ per cent. 25 per cent.	12½ per cent. 30 per cent.”
By adding a new sub-item (Z) as follows :— “(Z) Pulley blocks, chain, viz. :— (1) Spur (or triple) gear - ad val. (2) Other - ad val.	20 per cent. Free	35 per cent. 12½ per cent.	40 per cent. 12½ per cent.”

DIVISION XVI.—MISCELLANEOUS.

410. By omitting the whole of paragraph (3) of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— “(3) Oil or water colour paintings n.e.i., viz. :— (a) Artists' original productions— (1) the value for duty of which exceeds £25 each - (2) the value for duty of which does not exceed £25 each - each (b) Other - each or ad val. whichever rate returns the higher duty.”	Free £2 15s. 7½ per cent.	Free £2 10s. £1 10s. 17½ per cent.	Free £2 15s. £1 10s. 17½ per cent.”
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EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 3).

That the Schedule to the *Excise Tariff* 1921-1950, as proposed to be amended by Excise Tariff Proposals No. 1 and Excise Tariff Proposals No. 2 introduced into the House of Representatives on the twenty-sixth day of September, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-one, be further amended as hereinafter set out, and that on and after the thirtieth day of May, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-two, at five 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* 1921-1950 as so amended.

EXCISE DUTIES.

Articles.	Rate of Duty.
20. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item:— "20. Coal, not being coal the property of a State, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws per ton	8d."

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

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

7. INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 2) 1952.—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.)

Clauses 1 to 5 agreed to.

Clause 6 debated—

Question—That the clause be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Adermann, in the Chair)—

AYES, 52.

Mr. Anthony	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Graham	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Pearce
Mr. Bate	Mr. Davis	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Timson
Mr. Beale	Mr. Dean	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Townley
Mr. Berry	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Luck	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drury	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bostock	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Holt	Mr. McBride	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hughes	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McDonald	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Casey	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Joske	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Corser	Mr. Freeth		Mr. Osborne	Mr. Gullett

NOES, 39.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Keon	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Russell
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Bird	Mr. Costa	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Ward
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Crean	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Mullens	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. O'Connor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Peters	Mr. Daly
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Fuller

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clauses 7 and 8 agreed to.

Clauses 9 and 10, by leave, taken together, and agreed to, after debate.

Clauses 11 to 16, by leave, taken together, and agreed to, after debate.

Clause 17—

Mr. T. P. Burke moved the following amendment:—Pages 12-13, omit proposed section 221YDB.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the section proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Adermann, in the Chair)—

AYES, 53.

Mr. Bate	Mr. Davis	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Pearce
Mr. Beale	Mr. Dean	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. Luck	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Berry	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Timson
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drury	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McBride	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bowden	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Holt	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hughes	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Joske	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Casey	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Opperman	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Corser	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Graham			Mr. Gullett

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NOES, 39.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Keon	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Russell
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clarey	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Bird	Mr. Costa	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Mullens	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Haylen	Mr. O'Connor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. James	Mr. Peters	Mr. Daly
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Fuller

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 18 and 19 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PATENTS BILL 1952.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 96.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act relating to Patents of Inventions*", and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

EDWARD MATTNER,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 29th May, 1952.

Mr. Beale (Minister for Supply) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time.

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

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

9. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL 1952.—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. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Mr. Joske 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. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Ordered—That Mr. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twelve minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Drummond, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. E. James Harrison, Mr. Howse, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Mulcahy, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Swartz, Mr. Treloar and Mr. Wight.

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