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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 147.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH SEPTEMBER, 1953.

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

2. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—QUEENSLAND TOBACCO LEAF MARKETING BOARD GUARANTEE BILL 1953.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 224.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for " *An Act to authorize the Commonwealth to Guarantee the Repayment of certain Loans to be made by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia to the Queensland Tobacco Leaf Marketing Board* ", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

G. J. RANKIN,
Deputy President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 27th March, 1953.

3. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General :—

W. J. MCKELL,

Governor-General.

Message No. 123.

A Proposed Law intituled " *Heard Island and McDonald Islands Act 1953* " 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 Her Majesty, assented to the said Law.

Government House,

Canberra, 27th March, 1953.

W. J. MCKELL,

Governor-General.

Message No. 124.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

" *Canned Fruits Export Control Act 1953* "" *Dried Fruits Export Control Act 1953* "" *Seamen's Compensation Act 1953* "" *Patents, Trade Marks, Designs and Copyright Act 1953* "

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 Her Majesty, assented to the said Laws.

Government House,

Canberra, 28th March, 1953.

W. J. MCKELL,

Governor-General.

Message No. 125.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

" *Commonwealth Bank Act 1953* "" *Banking Act 1953* "

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 Her Majesty, assented to the said Laws.

Government House,

Canberra, 1st April, 1953.

9th September, 1953.

W. J. McKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 126.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

- " *Tractor Bounty Act 1953* "
- " *Appropriation Act (No. 2) 1952-53* "
- " *Appropriation (Works and Services) Act (No. 2) 1952-53* "
- " *Queensland Tobacco Leaf Marketing Board Guarantee Act 1953* "

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 Her Majesty, assented to the said Laws.

Government House,
Canberra, 8th April, 1953.

W. J. McKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 127.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

- " *Meat Export Control Act 1953* "
- " *Customs Tariff Validation Act 1953* "
- " *Defence Act 1953* "
- " *Loan (Temporary Revenue Deficits) Act 1953* "
- " *Public Service Act 1953* "

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 Her Majesty, assented to the said Laws.

Government House,
Canberra, 9th April, 1953.

W. J. McKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 128.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

- " *Wool Use Promotion Act 1953* "
- " *Egg Export Control Act 1953* "
- " *Flax Industry Act 1953* "
- " *Supply Act (No. 1) 1953-54* "
- " *Supply (Works and Services) Act (No. 1) 1953-54* "
- " *Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessment Act 1953* "
- " *Commonwealth Employees' Furlough Act 1953* "
- " *National Service Act 1953* "

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 Her Majesty, assented to the said Laws.

Government House,
Canberra, 15th April, 1953.

W. J. McKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 129.

A Proposed Law intituled "*Atomic Energy Act 1953*" 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 Her Majesty, assented to the said Law.

Government House,
Canberra, 15th April, 1953.

W. J. McKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 130.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

- " *Supplementary Appropriation Act 1951-52* "
- " *Supplementary Appropriation (Works and Services) Act 1951-52* "

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 Her Majesty, assented to the said Laws.

Government House,
Canberra, 16th April, 1953.

W. J. McKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 132.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

- " *Apple and Pear Organization Act 1953* "
- " *Wine Overseas Marketing Act 1953* "

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 Her Majesty, assented to the said Laws.

Government House,
Canberra, 17th April, 1953.

9th September, 1953.

W. J. MCKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 133.

A Proposed Law intituled " *Dairy Produce Export Control Act 1953* " 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 Her Majesty, assented to the said Law.

Government House,
Canberra, 24th April, 1953.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO RESERVED BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

W. J. MCKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 131.

The Governor-General informs the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia that the proposed law intituled " *Royal Style and Titles Act 1953* ", which was reserved for The Queen's pleasure, has been laid before Her Majesty and that, on the Third day of April in the year One thousand nine hundred and fifty-three, The Queen was graciously pleased to assent to the said Law.

Government House,
Canberra, 16th April, 1953.

5. NETHERLANDS FLOOD RELIEF—RESOLUTION OF GRATITUDE.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from the President of the Second Chamber of the States General, The Hague, enclosing the text of a resolution passed unanimously by the Second Chamber on the 11th February, 1953, expressing the gratitude of the people of the Netherlands for the help given to those who suffered from the floods which ravaged parts of that country.
6. TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES.—The following Warrant, nominating a Temporary Chairman of Committees, pursuant to Standing Order No. 17, was laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:—
- The Parliament of the Commonwealth.*

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order numbered 17, I do hereby nominate—
Thomas Frank Timson, Esquire,
to act as Temporary Chairman of Committees when requested so to do by the Chairman of Committees.

Given under my hand this ninth day of September, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-three.

ARCHIE G. CAMERON,
Speaker.

7. MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) announced that, during the absence abroad of Sir Earle Page (Minister for Health) and Mr. Casey (Minister for External Affairs), Mr. Townley (Minister for Social Services) would act as Minister for Health and he would act as Minister for External Affairs. Senator Spooner (Minister for National Development) would be represented in the House of Representatives during Mr. Casey's absence by Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council).
8. PETITIONS.—Petitions from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the Parliament will rectify the injustice which they believe is being done them under the Superannuation Act were presented by Mr. Chambers, Mr. Bryson, Mr. Joshua, Mr. Lawrence and Mr. Kekwick.
Mr. Daly presented a Petition from certain residents of Mascot, New South Wales, praying that action be taken by the Department of Civil Aviation to alleviate the danger and noise from low flying aircraft in that vicinity.
Mr. Peters presented a petition from certain electors of the Division of Burke, praying that this House direct the Government to refuse recognition to the régime of Communist China.
Mr. Whitlam presented a Petition from certain Members of the Miranda Sub-Branch of the Returned Sailors, Soldiers, Airmen's Imperial League of Australia, praying that this House make increased provision for War Pensions and Allowances.
Petitions severally received and read.

9. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table the following Paper—

House of Commons—Report on Procedure by A. A. Tregear, Clerk-Assistant, House of Representatives.

Ordered to be printed.

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, 1951, for the several States and Territories.

Statistical Returns in relation to the Senate Elections, 1953, for the several States.

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

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Air Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1953, No. 44.

Apple and Pear Organization Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1953, Nos. 26, 35.

Banking Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1953, No. 24.

Bankruptcy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1953, Nos. 71, 79.

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- Canned Fruits Export Control Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1953, Nos. 31, 49.
 Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1953, No. 54.
 Commonwealth Bank Act—Appointment Certificate—S. H. T. Hargraves.
 Commonwealth Employees' Compensation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1953, No. 73.
 Conciliation and Arbitration Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1953, No. 45.
 Control of Naval Waters Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1953, No. 60.
 Cotton Bounty Act—Return for 1952.
 Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1953, Nos. 56, 77.
 Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1953, Nos. 36, 53.
 Dairy Produce Export Control Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1953, Nos. 25, 34.
 Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1953, Nos. 58, 59, 61, 62.
 Defence Transition (Residual Provisions) Act—National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—Orders—Inventions and designs (30).
 Dried Fruits Export Control Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1953, Nos. 33, 39.
 Egg Export Control Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1953, Nos. 27, 37.
 Explosives Act—Regulations—
 Orders—
 Damaged Containers or Spilt Explosives.
 Berthing of a Vessel (2).
 Statutory Rules 1953, No. 69.
 Flax Canvas Bounty Act—Return for year 1952-53.
 Hospital Benefits Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1953, No. 76.
 Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1953, No. 55.
 Judiciary Act—Rule of Court, dated 30th April, 1953 (Statutory Rules 1953, No. 46).
 Lands Acquisition Act—
 Land, &c., acquired for—
 Commonwealth purposes—
 Essendon, Victoria.
 Maribyrnong, Victoria.
 Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization purposes—
 Deniliquin, New South Wales.
 Griffith, New South Wales.
 Defence purposes—
 Armidale, New South Wales.
 Baulkham Hills, New South Wales.
 Lara, Victoria.
 Neutral Bay, New South Wales.
 Richmond, New South Wales (2).
 Sale, Victoria.
 Syndal, Victoria.
 Department of Civil Aviation purposes—
 Armidale, New South Wales.
 Coolangatta, Queensland.
 Cootamundra, New South Wales.
 Eagle Farm, Brisbane, Queensland.
 Hyden, Western Australia.
 Leonora, Western Australia.
 Pascoe Vale, Victoria (2).
 Tugun, Queensland.
 Immigration purposes—
 Belmont, New South Wales.
 Berkeley, New South Wales.
 Postal purposes—
 Balmoral, Victoria.
 Balranald, New South Wales.
 Banora Point, New South Wales.
 Berri, South Australia.
 Bundaleer, South Australia.
 Carrick, Tasmania.
 Coomunga, South Australia.
 Coonabarabran, New South Wales.
 Cottesloe, Western Australia.
 Curbur, Western Australia.
 Currumbin Creek, Queensland.
 Dareton, New South Wales.
 Doyalson, New South Wales.
 Goulburn, New South Wales.
 Gregadoo, New South Wales.
 Grenville, Victoria.
 Marree, South Australia.
 Mimosa, New South Wales.
 Pine Road West, Tasmania.
 Rock Valley, New South Wales.

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Sandford, Victoria.
 Shelford, Victoria.
 Snake Valley, Victoria.
 South Brisbane (Grey-street), Queensland.
 Springbrook, Queensland.
 Surfer's Paradise, Queensland.
 Tunglebung, New South Wales.
 Warkton, New South Wales.
 West Kempsey, New South Wales.
 Windsor, New South Wales.
 Wingello, New South Wales.
 Woodburn, New South Wales.
 Wooragee, Victoria.
 Young Town, Tasmania.

Postal (Broadcasting) purposes—Pimpala, South Australia.

Returns (5) of land disposed of under Section 63.

Meat Export Control Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1953, Nos. 32, 50, 74.

National Health Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1953, Nos. 75, 82.

National Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1953, No. 48.

Nationality and Citizenship Act—Return for year 1952-53.

Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1953, Nos. 29, 41, 68, 80.

Norfolk Island Act—Ordinances—1953—

No. 1—Norfolk Island Public Hospital.

No. 2—Judiciary (Appeals).

No. 3—Public Works.

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—

Ordinances—1952—

No. 42—Sunday Observance.

No. 43—Darwin Town Area Leases (No. 2).

No. 44—Methylated Spirit.

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1953, No. 63.

Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinances—1952—

No. 79—Town Planning (No. 2).

No. 80—Customs Tariff (New Guinea) (No. 3).

No. 81—Customs Tariff (Papua) (No. 3).

No. 82—War Surplus Material.

No. 83—Native Labour.

No. 84—Native Labour (No. 2).

No. 85—Jury (New Guinea).

No. 86—Street Closing.

No. 87—Administrative Districts.

No. 88—Land Registration Ordinance Amendment.

No. 89—Town Boundaries.

No. 90—Real Property Ordinance Amendment.

No. 91—Companies (Papua) (No. 2).

No. 92—Companies (New Guinea) (No. 2).

No. 93—Companies (New Guinea) Ordinance Amendment.

No. 94—Native Land Registration (No. 2).

No. 95—Customs Tariff (Papua) (No. 2).

No. 96—Customs Tariff (New Guinea) (No. 2).

No. 97—Licences (New Guinea).

No. 98—Native Economic Development.

No. 99—Evidence and Discovery (Papua).

No. 100—Building (Papua).

Pharmaceutical Benefits Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1953, Nos. 40, 57, 78.

Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules, 1953, No. 81.

Public Service Act—

Appointments—Department—

Air—W. M. Rice, S. W. Thorne.

Army—G. W. Dunlop, J. C. Tunstall.

Attorney-General—E. Dennis, A. J. Martin, G. S. Mills, W. J. Steuart.

Civil Aviation—R. E. Bell, J. F. Blair, T. O. Cain, M. R. Finger, N. D. Hodgekiss,
 H. J. Mortlock, H. W. Orsborne, J. B. Russell, L. H. Shean, G. J. Smith, R. West.

Commerce and Agriculture—L. S. Brooks, J. H. Irvine, R. P. Stack.

Defence—W. Brown, F. H. Carter, G. H. France, D. M. Hocking.

Defence Production—B. E. Alsop, A. M. Atkinson, W. E. Badcock, E. W. Baynton,
 E. R. Bennet, B. R. Bernau, R. E. Boadle, T. E. G. Bowden, J. S. Burnell, C. T.
 Campbell, R. E. Chenu, W. M. Downes, A. H. Fraser, R. C. Frayne, J. C. Henry,
 N. W. Hodgson, B. T. Lafrank, J. J. McKibbin, I. A. Newland, G. A. Ogilvy,
 C. Pullen, T. Russell, P. Schultz, A. M. Simpson, C. T. F. Taylor, A. P. West,
 A. Wilkie, R. A. Williams, E. R. Wilson, K. E. Wilson.

External Affairs—J. H. Brook, J. M. Kirtley, J. L. Lavett, A. J. Melhuish, G. J. Price.

Health—H. L. J. Barnard, P. J. Blaxland, S. M. Dennis, M. A. Walker.⁴

Interior—W. G. Baker, K. A. Bell, G. H. Borg, J. B. Campbell, R. T. A. Guy, L. F.
 Hammond, L. F. Heydon, L. Nielsen, A. M. Rochfort, P. A. Smith, J. A. Vallender.

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- National Development—P. R. Browne, B. J. Drew, R. B. Fraser, M. J. Garrett, L. N. Ingall, G. F. R. Joklik, N. O. Jones, P. B. Rosenhain.
- Parliamentary Library—J. Gillan.
- Repatriation—G. A. W. Angus, F. Bauer, E. J. Bennett, E. H. Davern, J. H. K. Donovan, W. J. Gilpin, A. C. Green, H. T. Hayes, E. N. Kurrle, H. K. Linn, M. M. McKeown, H. M. Stirling, N. C. Wright.
- Shipping and Transport—H. R. Ford.
- Social Services—M. F. Cooke, D. J. Davies, W. F. Hardy, T. Irving, R. Punshon, D. Shipp, C. E. Wylie.
- Supply—R. H. Adair, S. F. W. Aukland, G. R. Barrack, W. Boothman, J. R. Bowie, H. E. Breakell, H. J. Brophy, C. L. Cook, N. B. Creagh, R. E. Dudley, J. V. Fitz-Gerald, E. H. Francis, G. S. H. Fry, P. L. Goodale, J. Henshall, J. W. Hillier, T. F. C. Lawrence, P. Leahy, G. W. Morley, J. H. Pierce, S. H. Sim, H. C. Stapleton, A. R. Turnbull.
- Trade and Customs—J. R. Agar, P. S. Borthwick, B. B. Kellow, A. G. Pagels, J. K. G. Potts, E. W. Smith, R. H. Stubbings.
- Treasury—R. J. C. Horan, J. R. Smart.
- Works—J. T. Allard, P. D. Allsop, J. A. Armstrong, A. R. T. Aspinall, G. H. Bond, A. M. Brown, F. A. Dean, J. W. Fuller, T. R. S. Gibson, P. L. Hickie, W. H. Hickson, H. J. K. Lane, J. R. Lawrence, G. O. Long, R. J. Metcalfe, A. V. H. Neeham, C. M. J. Nelson, J. K. Rac, W. K. Sneddon, G. G. Steele, N. S. Trahair, H. Treidel, J. D. Wilson, T. H. T. Wilson.
- Regulations—Statutory Rules 1953, Nos. 47, 51, 70, 72.
- Public Service Arbitration Act—Determinations—1953—
- No. 11—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.
- No. 20—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.
- No. 21—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.
- No. 22—Musicians' Union of Australia.
- No. 23—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.
- No. 24—Commonwealth Medical Officers' Association.
- No. 25—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association and others.
- No. 26—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.
- No. 27—Musicians' Union of Australia.
- No. 28—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 29—Hospital Employees' Federation of Australasia.
- No. 30—Amalgamated Engineering Union and Sheet Metal Working Agricultural Implement and Stovemaking Industrial Union of Australia.
- No. 31—Federated Ironworkers' Association of Australia and others.
- No. 32—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.
- No. 33—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.
- No. 34—Australian Third Division Telegraphists and Postal Clerks' Union.
- No. 35—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.
- No. 36—Postal Telecommunication Technicians' Association (Australia).
- No. 37—Commonwealth Storemen and Packers' Union of Australia.
- No. 38—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.
- No. 39—Arbitration Court Registrars' Association.
- No. 40—Australian Broadcasting Commission Senior Officers' Association.
- No. 41—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association and others.
- No. 42—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association and others.
- No. 43—Amalgamated Engineering Union and Sheet Metal Working Agricultural Implement and Stovemaking Industrial Union of Australia.
- No. 44—Federated Ironworkers' Association of Australia and others.
- No. 45—Australian Third Division Telegraphists and Postal Clerks' Union.
- No. 46—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.
- No. 47—Commonwealth Storemen and Packers' Union of Australia.
- No. 48—Common Rule *re* Sick Leave.
- No. 49—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.
- No. 50—Professional Radio Employees' Institute of Australasia.
- No. 51—Fourth Division Postmasters, Postal Clerks and Telegraphists' Union.
- No. 52—Commonwealth Storemen and Packers' Union.
- No. 53—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.
- No. 54—Commonwealth Medical Officers' Association.
- No. 55—Fourth Division Postmasters, Postal Clerks and Telegraphists' Union.
- No. 56—Non-Official Postmasters' Association of Australia.
- No. 57—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.
- Repatriation Act—Repatriation Commission—Report for year 1951–52.
- Science and Industry Research Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1953, No. 66.
- Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—
- Australian Capital Territory Soil Conservation Council—Fifth Annual Report and Statement of Receipts and Expenditure, for year 1951–52.
- Ordinances—1953—
- No. 4—Fire Precautions.
- No. 5—Administration and Probate.
- No. 6—Meat.
- No. 7—National Capital Development.

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- No. 8—Canberra University College.
- No. 9—Business Names.
- No. 10—Dogs Registration.
- No. 11—Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Trap Shooting).
- No. 12—Police Offences.

Regulations—1953—

- No. 3 (Fire Precautions Ordinance).
- No. 4 (Stock Diseases Ordinance).
- No. 5 (Meat Ordinance).
- No. 6 (Motor Traffic Ordinance).
- No. 7 (Advisory Council Ordinance).
- No. 8 (Business Names Ordinance).
- No. 9 (Motor Traffic Ordinance).
- Nos. 10 and 11 (Building and Services Ordinance).

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Notices of variation of plan of lay-out of City of Canberra and its environs dated 16th April, 1953, and 30th July, 1953.

Sulphur Bounty Act—Return for year 1952-53.

Superannuation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1953, No. 52.

Tractor Bounty Act—Return for year 1952-53.

Trade Commissioners Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1953, No. 43.

Trading with the Enemy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1953, No. 30.

War Gratuity Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1953, No. 67.

War Service Homes Act—Land acquired at Launceston, Tasmania.

Wine Overseas Marketing Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1953, Nos. 28, 38.

Wool Tax Act (No. 1)—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1953, No. 64.

Wool Tax Act (No. 2)—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1953, No. 65.

Wool Use Promotion Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1953, No. 42.

10. PEARL FISHERIES BILL (NO. 2) 1953.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Pearl Fisheries Act* 1952, as amended by the *Pearl Fisheries Act* 1953.

Question—put and passed.

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

Mr. Evatt (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.

11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 2, Government Business.

12. UNIFORM TAX DISCUSSIONS—CONFERENCE OF COMMONWEALTH AND STATE MINISTERS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), That the Paper [presented on the 26th February, 1953], viz. :—

Uniform Tax Discussions—Conference of Commonwealth and State Ministers, February, 1953—
Ministerial Statement—

be printed—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Drummond 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.

13. DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Right Honorable Duncan Sandys, United Kingdom Minister of Supply, 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.

14. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ESTIMATES 1953-54.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General :—

W. J. SLIM,

Governor-General.

Message No. 134.

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

Canberra, 9th September, 1953.

W. J. SLIM,

Governor-General.

Message No. 135.

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

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Ordered—That the foregoing Messages, together with the accompanying Estimates, be printed and referred to the Committee of Supply forthwith.

15. SUPPLY—BUDGET STATEMENT.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) delivered the Budget Speech and then moved, That the first item in the Estimates, under Division No. 1.—Senate—namely—

Salaries and allowances £19,900

be agreed to.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

16. PAPERS.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Budget Papers 1953-54;

National Income and Expenditure Paper 1952-53.

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

17. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the intervening business be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 6, Government Business.

18. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 8), EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 5) AND SALES TAX.—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. 8).

1. That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1933-1952, as proposed to be amended by Customs Tariff Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the fifth day of March, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-three, be further amended as hereinafter set out, and that on and after the tenth day of September, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-three, 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* 1933-1952 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” 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 words—

“Spirits, † and spirituous liquors, n.e.i. :—

† Spirits in cases of two gallons and under, to be charged as two gallons; over two gallons and not exceeding three gallons, as three gallons; over three gallons, and not exceeding four gallons, as four gallons; and so on, provided that small bottles or vials of liquor intended for samples or other special purposes only may be entered at actual measurement.”

and inserting in their stead the following :—

“Spirits, and spirituous liquors, n.e.i. :—”

By omitting the whole of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—

“(A) Brandy—

(1) When not exceeding the strength of proof

per gallon
and per proof gallon

57s. 6d.
10s.

58s. 6d.
10s.

68s. 6d.
10s.

(2) When exceeding the strength of proof

per proof gallon

67s. 6d.

68s. 6d.

78s. 6d.”

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
and per proof gallon

68s. 6d.
10s.

71s. 6d.
10s.

71s. 6d.
10s.

(b) When exceeding the strength of proof

per proof gallon

78s. 6d.

81s. 6d.

81s. 6d.”

By omitting the whole of sub-item (c) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—

“(c) Gin, distilled wholly from barley malt, grain, grape wine or fruit, and certified in the prescribed form by the competent Government official in the country of production to be gin distilled wholly from barley malt, grain, grape wine or fruit—

(1) When not exceeding the strength of proof

per gallon
and per proof gallon

64s. 6d.
10s.

65s. 6d.
10s.

70s. 6d.
10s.

(2) When exceeding the strength of proof

per proof gallon

74s. 6d.

75s. 6d.

80s. 6d.”

By omitting the whole of sub-item (d) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—

“(d) Rum, pure, 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 and certified in the prescribed form by the competent Government official in the country of production to be pure rum distilled wholly from sugar, sugar syrup, molasses, or the refuse of sugar cane, under the conditions specified—

(1) When not exceeding the strength of proof

per gallon
and per proof gallon

62s. 6d.
10s.

65s. 6d.
10s.

69s. 6d.
10s.

(2) When exceeding the strength of proof

per proof gallon

72s. 6d.

75s. 6d.

79s. 6d.”

By omitting the whole of sub-item (e) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—

“(e) 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 and certified in the prescribed form by the competent Government official in the country of production to be rum distilled wholly from sugar, sugar syrup, molasses, or the refuse of sugar cane, under the conditions specified and so blended—

(1) When not exceeding the strength of proof

per gallon
and per proof gallon

63s. 6d.
10s.

66s. 6d.
10s.

70s. 6d.
10s.

(2) When exceeding the strength of proof

per proof gallon

73s. 6d.

76s. 6d.

80s. 6d.”

By omitting the whole of sub-item (g) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—

“(g) Bitters—

(1) When not exceeding the strength of proof

per gallon
and per proof gallon

67s. 6d.
10s.

70s. 6d.
10s.

72s. 6d.
10s.

(2) When exceeding the strength of proof

per proof gallon

77s. 6d.

80s. 6d.

82s. 6d.”

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IMPORT DUTIES—*continued.*

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
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Division I.—Ale, Spirits, and Beverages—*continued.*

3— <i>continued.</i>			
By omitting the whole of sub-item (n) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“ (n) Liqueurs ; flavoured spirituous liquors, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws—			
(1) When not exceeding the strength of proof per gallon	56s. 6d.	56s. 6d.	69s. 6d.
and per proof gallon	10s.	10s.	10s.
(2) When exceeding the strength of proof per proof gallon	66s. 6d.	66s. 6d.	79s. 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.
and per proof gallon	10s.	10s.	10s.
(2) When exceeding the strength of proof per proof gallon	85s. 6d.	85s. 6d.	85s. 6d.”
6. By omitting the whole of sub-item (b) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“ (b) Acetone ad val.	10 per cent.	10 per cent.	15 per cent.”
11. By omitting the whole of paragraph (2) of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :—			
“ (2) Amyl acetate, methyl salicylate, vanillin, coumarin ; other flavouring esters and aldehydes, not compounded ad val.			
	22½ per cent.	40 per cent.	47½ per cent.”
By adding to sub-item (A) a new paragraph (3) as follows :—			
“ (3) Butyl acetate ad val.	10 per cent.	22½ per cent.	27½ per cent.”

DIVISION IV.—AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND GROCERIES.

56. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :—			
“ 56. Ginger, viz. :—			
(A) Green per lb.	1½d.	1½d.	1½d.
and ad val.	..	12½ per cent.	12½ per cent.
(B) Ground per lb.	11d.	1s.	1s.
(C) Preserved (not in liquid) . . . per lb.	3d.	4d.	4d.
(D) In brine or syrup in vessels exceeding 10 gallons ad val.	12½ per cent.	12½ per cent.	12½ per cent.
(E) Dry, unground—			
(1) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws ad val.	Free	12½ per cent.	12½ per cent.
(2) Other per lb.	11d.	11d.	11d.
and ad val.	..	12½ per cent.	12½ per cent.”

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

106. By omitting from paragraph (4) of sub-item (F) the words “ other animal ” and inserting in their stead the following :—			
“ other marine animal ”.			
By omitting the whole of paragraph (5) of sub-item (F) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :—			
“ (5) Other ad val.	35 per cent.	47½ per cent.	52½ per cent.”
118. By omitting the whole of paragraph (1) of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :—			
“ (1) Floor coverings wholly of cotton and floor coverings in which the pile is wholly of cotton, except carpet felt undercarpet felt and those covered by sub-item (B) ad val.			
	Free	12½ per cent.	27½ per cent.”
By adding to sub-item (D) a new paragraph (5) as follows :—			
“ (5) Carpets, carpeting, carpet mats, carpet rugs and carpet door slips, woven, of wool or containing wool, other than those in which the pile is wholly of mohair and those enumerated in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this sub-item ad val.			
	20 per cent.	35 per cent.	40 per cent.”

DIVISION VI.—METALS AND MACHINERY.

167. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :—			
“ 167. Metal parts (other than knife sections and ledger plates) of reaper threshers, stripper harvesters, strippers, and harvesters n.e.i. ad val.			
	5 per cent.	..	2d.”
	..	2d.	2d.”

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IMPORT DUTIES—continued.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
Division VI.—Metals and Machinery—continued.			
171. By omitting the whole of sub-item (E) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(E) Knife sections and ledger plates for incorporation in the cutting mechanism of agricultural field machines - ad val.	Free	10 per cent.	10 per cent.”
176. By omitting from sub-item (c) the words “Metal-working machinery and tools for use in connexion therewith—” and inserting in their stead the following :— “Machines and machinery, metal working—”. By omitting the whole of paragraph (4) of sub-item (c). By adding to sub-item (E) a new paragraph (3) as follows :— “(3) Tools, inserted type, parts and accessories, whether or not otherwise provided for, composed wholly or partly of cemented carbides, for use with machines (but not including such tools parts or accessories otherwise specifically provided for at higher rates of duty, or inserted type tools for use in rotary and percussive rock drills) - ad val.	17½ per cent.	30 per cent.	35 per cent.”
194. By omitting the whole of paragraph (1) of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— “(1) Simple, duplex or triplex transmission chain or chains of roller, bush or conveyor types, with a pitch not less than .5 inch and not exceeding 1.65 inches, but not including the following, viz., bicycle chain or chains of .5 inch pitch and .13 inch or .192 inch width between inner plates, transmission roller chain or chains of 1.5 inches pitch and of 1 inch width between inner plates, roller chain or chains with a breaking load 30 per cent. or more above Australian Standard Specification No. B.60—1936, or inverted tooth chain or chains - ad val.	27½ per cent.	45 per cent.	50 per cent.”
By adding to sub-item (B) a new paragraph (3) as follows :— “(3) Other - - - - - ad val.	Free	12½ per cent.	12½ per cent.”
208. By omitting the whole of sub-item (Q) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(Q) Tips, tool, cemented carbide - - - - - ad val.	17½ per cent.	30 per cent.	35 per cent.”

DIVISION VII.—OILS, PAINTS, AND VARNISHES.

229. By omitting the whole of sub-item (a) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(a) Vegetable oils, edible, for denaturation as prescribed by Departmental By-laws :— (1) Babassu - - - - - per gallon (2) Other - - - - - per gallon	5d. 5d.	5d. 9d.	9d. 9d.”
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DIVISION VIII.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS, AND STONE.

244. By omitting the whole of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(B) Bifocal and multifocal lenses (including fused shapes for further manufacture into bifocal and multifocal lenses, whether ground or unground, polished or unpolished), and single-vision lenses ad val.	15 per cent.	37½ per cent.	42½ per cent.”
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DIVISION IX.—DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.

280. By adding a new sub-item (E) as follows :— “(E) Butyl alcohol - - - - - ad val.	10 per cent.	22½ per cent.	27½ per cent.”
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DIVISION XI.—JEWELLERY AND FANCY GOODS.

321. By omitting the whole of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(A) Spectacles (other than X-ray spectacles or fluoroscopic spectacles), spectacle frames, sunglasses, and goggles— (1) Wholly or partly of gold or silver (not being included in paragraph (2)) ad val. (2) Rolled-gold, gold-filled, gold-cased, gold-plated or gilt, including the articles named when fitted with pads bridges or knuckles of gold - - - - - ad val. (3) N.E.I. - - - - - ad val.	20 per cent. 20 per cent. 20 per cent.	47½ per cent. 37½ per cent. 37½ per cent.	52½ per cent. 42½ per cent. 42½ per cent.”
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IMPORT DUTIES—continued.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
DIVISION XVI.—MISCELLANEOUS.			
374. By adding to sub-item (D) a new paragraph (4) as follows :—			
“ (4) Gaskets, metal and asbestos combined - ad val.	25 per cent.	40 per cent.	50 per cent.”
395. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :—			
“ 395. Corks n.e.i. ; cork rings ; cork bungs - - -	Free	Free	Free ”
449. By adding a new sub-item (c) as follows :—			
“ (c) Articles designed or produced for use and used exclusively in the practice of religion, viz. :—			
(1) Being of a class or kind not commercially produced or manufactured in Australia, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws ad val.	Free	12½ per cent.	12½ per cent.
(2) Being of a class or kind not commercially produced or manufactured in Australia or the United Kingdom, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - -	Free	Free	Free ”.

EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 5.)

That the Schedule to the *Excise Tariff* 1921-1952 be amended as hereinafter set out, and that, on and after the tenth day of September, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-three, 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* 1921-1952 as so amended.

EXCISE DUTIES.

Articles.	Rate of Duty.
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 - - - per proof gallon	63s. 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 - - - per proof gallon	63s. 6d.”
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 - - - per proof gallon	63s. 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 - - - per proof gallon	64s. 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 - - - per proof gallon	64s. 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 per proof gallon	64s. 6d.”

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EXCISE DUTIES—continued.

Articles.	Rate of Duty.
2—continued.	
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 per proof gallon	60s. 6d.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (a) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—	
“(a) 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 . . . per proof gallon	67s. 6d.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (n) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—	
“(n) Gin, distilled from barley malt, grain, grape wine, apples, or other approved fruit and certified by an officer to be pure gin . . . per proof gallon	66s. 6d.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (o) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—	
“(o) Spirits, n.e.i. per proof gallon	75s. 6d.”
5. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :—	
“(A) Liqueurs, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws . . . per proof gallon	65s. 6d.
“(B) Liqueurs, n.e.i. per proof gallon	75s. 6d.
“(C) Flavoured spirituous liquors, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws per proof gallon	65s. 6d.”

SALES TAX.

Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved—

1. That, on and after the tenth day of September, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-three, in lieu of the sales tax imposed by the *Sales Tax Act (No. 1) 1930–1952*, the *Sales Tax Act (No. 2) 1930–1952*, the *Sales Tax Act (No. 3) 1930–1952*, the *Sales Tax Act (No. 4) 1930–1952*, the *Sales Tax Act (No. 5) 1930–1952*, the *Sales Tax Act (No. 6) 1930–1952*, the *Sales Tax Act (No. 7) 1930–1952*, the *Sales Tax Act (No. 8) 1930–1952* and the *Sales Tax Act (No. 9) 1930–1952*, sales tax be imposed at the following rates, but otherwise in accordance with the provisions of those Acts :—

- (a) in respect of goods covered by the Second Schedule to the Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act—16 $\frac{2}{3}$ per centum; and
- (b) in respect of goods not covered by the Second Schedule to the Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act, but subject to the exemptions provided by that Act—12 $\frac{1}{2}$ per centum.

2. That, for the purposes of this resolution, “the Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act” means the *Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1935–1952* as proposed to be amended by the *Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Bill 1953*.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

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

Tariff Board—Reports—

- Acetone, Butyl Acetate and Butyl Alcohol (Butanol).
- Articles Used in the Practice of Religion.
- Buttons.
- Carpets, Carpeting and Floor Rugs.
- Chain and Chains.
- Cork Products.
- Gaskets of Metal and Asbestos.
- Ginger.
- Ladies' Full-Fashioned Nylon Hosiery.
- Piece Goods, Knitted or Lockstitched, other than of Wool, for Manufacture of Goods other than Apparel. Meat Wraps.
- Record Changing Devices.
- Spectacles; Spectacle Lenses and Frames; Sunglasses and Goggles.
- Tools and Appliances Composed Wholly or Partly of Cemented Carbides.
- Tweezers and Forceps.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

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20. SALES TAX (EXEMPTIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS) BILL 1953.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1935-1952*.

Question—put and passed.

Sir Arthur Fadden 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.

Sir Arthur Fadden moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Calwell 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.

21. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—LOAN (HOUSING) BILL 1953.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

W. J. SLIM,

Governor-General.

Message No. 136.

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 moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising of Moneys to be advanced to certain States for the purposes of Housing.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Kent Hughes (Minister for the Interior) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising of Moneys to be advanced to certain States for the purposes of Housing.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

Mr. Kent Hughes 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.

On the motion of Mr. Kent Hughes, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Kent Hughes and Mr. Eric J. Harrison do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

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

Mr. Calwell 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.

22. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—LOAN (WAR SERVICE LAND SETTLEMENT) BILL 1953.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

W. J. SLIM,

Governor-General.

Message No. 137.

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 moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising of Moneys for the purpose of Financial Assistance to the States of South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania in connexion with War Service Land Settlement, and for other purposes.

Canberra, 9th September, 1953.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Kent Hughes (Minister for the Interior) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising of Moneys for the purpose of Financial Assistance to the States of South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania in connexion with War Service Land Settlement, and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

9th September, 1953.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

Mr. Kent Hughes 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.

On the motion of Mr. Kent Hughes, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Kent Hughes and Mr. Eric J. Harrison do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

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

Mr. Calwell 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.

23. UNIFORM TAX DISCUSSIONS—CONFERENCE OF COMMONWEALTH AND STATE MINISTERS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), That the Paper [*presented on the 26th February, 1953*], viz. :—

Uniform Tax Discussions—Conference of Commonwealth and State Ministers, February, 1953—
Ministerial Statement—

be printed—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and negatived.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at sixteen minutes to eleven 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. C. R. Cameron, Mr. Casey, Mr. Downer, Mr. Leslie, Mr. Nelson, Mr. O'Connor, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Timson and Mr. Treloar.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.