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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 8.

TUESDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER, 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. GWYDIR BY-ELECTION.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had this day issued the Writ in connexion with the By-election for the Gwydir Division, and that the dates fixed were those announced to the House on the 18th instant.
3. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Qantas Empire Airways Limited—Annual Report and Financial Accounts for 1952.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Australian National Airlines Act—Australian National Airlines Commission—Eighth Annual Report and Financial Accounts, for year 1952-53.
Defence Transition (Residual Provisions) Act—National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—Order—Inventions and designs.
Explosives Act—Regulations—Order—Berthing of a Vessel.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for postal purposes—Rosebery, Tasmania.
4. LIFE INSURANCE BILL 1953.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Life Insurance Act* 1945-1950.
Question—put and passed.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 12 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 13, Government Business.
6. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 1), EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 1) AND CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (NO. 1).—The Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Ways and Means—
Question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and passed.
Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

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(In the Committee.)

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

CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 1).

1. That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1933–1952 be amended as hereinafter set out, and that, on and after the twenty-fifth day of November, 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.

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
- (2) When exceeding the strength of proof
per proof gallon

57s. 6d.
10s.

58s. 6d.
10s.

68s. 6d.
10s.

67s. 6d.

68s. 6d.

78s. 6d.”

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IMPORT DUTIES—*continued.*

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
Division I.—Ale, Spirits, and Beverages—<i>continued.</i>			
3— <i>continued.</i>			
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	68s. 6d.	71s. 6d.	71s. 6d.
<i>and per proof gallon</i>	10s.	10s.	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	64s. 6d.	65s. 6d.	70s. 6d.
<i>and per proof gallon</i>	10s.	10s.	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	62s. 6d.	65s. 6d.	69s. 6d.
<i>and per proof gallon</i>	10s.	10s.	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	63s. 6d.	66s. 6d.	70s. 6d.
<i>and per proof gallon</i>	10s.	10s.	10s.
(2) When exceeding the strength of proof per proof gallon	73s. 6d.	76s. 6d.	80s. 6d.”

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IMPORT DUTIES—continued.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
Division I.—Ale, Spirits, and Beverages—continued.			
3—continued.			
By omitting the whole of sub-item (a) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“ (a) Bitters—			
(1) When not exceeding the strength of proof per gallon	67s. 6d.	70s. 6d.	72s. 6d.
and per proof gallon	10s.	10s.	10s.
(2) When exceeding the strength of proof per proof gallon	77s. 6d.	80s. 6d.	82s. 6d.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (H) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“ (H) 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.”
12. By omitting the words “ Wine, sparkling”, viz. :—” and inserting in their stead the following :—			
“ Wine, grape, sparkling”, viz. :—”.			
13. By omitting the words “ Wine, Still (including Medicated and Vermouth) :—” and inserting in their stead the following :—			
“ Wine, grape, still (including medicated and vermouth) :—”.			
14. By omitting the whole item.			
15. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :—			
“ 15. Wine n.e.i. ; meads—			
(A) Containing not more than 25 per cent. of proof spirit per gallon	7s. 6d.	7s. 9d.	7s. 9d.
(B) Containing more than 25 per cent. but not more than 50 per cent. of proof spirit per gallon	15s.	15s. 6d.	15s. 6d.
(C) Containing more than 50 per cent. of proof spirit per gallon	30s.	31s.	31s.”
16. By adding a new sub-item (c) as follows :—			
“ (c) Grape juice per gallon	3s.	3s.	3s.”

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IMPORT DUTIES—continued.

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

105. By omitting the whole of paragraph (3) of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :—			
“ (3) Piece goods of the type used for furnishing and upholstery, woven on jacquard or dobby type looms (not including moquettes, chenille fabrics and other pile fabrics), embodying a woven design and weighing seven ounces or more per square yard, viz. :—			
(a) wholly of artificial silk ; composed of a mixture of fibres in which at least 10 per cent. by weight is artificial silk and, if the mixture of fibres includes wool, not more than 5 per cent. by weight is wool - - - - - ad val.	30 per cent.	30 per cent.	40 per cent.
less per square yard	2½d.
(b) wholly of cotton ; wholly of linen ; composed of a mixture of fibres but not including a mixture of fibres in which more than 50 per cent. by weight is wool, except piece goods enumerated in sub-item (A) (3) (a) - - - - - ad val.	12½ per cent.	30 per cent.	40 per cent.”
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.”
By adding a new sub-item (G) as follows :—			
“ (G) Fasteners, snap—			
(1) Two-piece sew-on type, as ordinarily used with apparel - - - - - ad val.	Free	12½ per cent.	12½ per cent.
(2) Other - - - - - ad val.	7½ per cent.	25 per cent.	30 per cent.”
By adding a new sub-item (H) as follows :—			
“ (H) Fasteners, turnbutton, of the type ordinarily used for the attachment of textile hoods or textile coverings to motor vehicles - - - - - ad val.	7½ per cent.	25 per cent.	30 per cent.”

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Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
Division V.—Textiles, Felts and Furs, and Manufactures thereof, and Attire—<i>continued.</i>			
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. 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.	Free	12½ per cent.	27½ per cent.”
122. By omitting the heading, viz. :—“Articles n.e.i.—”. 123. By omitting the whole of sub-item (b) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(b) Waste, engine cleaning - - - per ton and ad val.	20 per cent.	35 per cent.	40 per cent.”
130. By adding to sub-item (b) a new paragraph (3) as follows :— “(3) Flax or containing a mixture of fibres in which flax predominates - - - ad val.	£7 ..	£7 10 per cent.	£7 27½ per cent.”
	27½ per cent.	45 per cent.	55 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. per lb.	5 per cent.	2d.	2d.”
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.”
174. By omitting the whole of clause (1) of sub-paragraph (u) of paragraph (25) of sub-item (m). By omitting the whole of paragraph (48) of sub-item (v). By omitting the whole of paragraph (49) of sub-item (v).			
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 from paragraph (2) of sub-item (c) the following :— “lathes n.e.i.”. By omitting the whole of paragraph (3) of sub-item (c) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— “(3) Lathes n.e.i. - - - ad val. By omitting the whole of paragraph (4) of sub-item (c). By omitting the whole of paragraph (2) of sub-item (e) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— “(2) Ironing machines - - - ad val.	15 per cent.	27½ per cent.	32½ per cent.”
	15 per cent.	27½ per cent.	32½ per cent.”

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IMPORT DUTIES—*continued.*

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
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Division VI.—Metals and Machinery—*continued.*

176.— <i>continued.</i> By omitting the whole of paragraph (3) of sub-item (E) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— “ (3) Washing machines (including dry cleaning washing machines) - - - - - ad val.	15 per cent.	27½ per cent.	32½ per cent.”
By adding to sub-item (F) 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.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (F). 178. By omitting the whole of sub-item (I) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “ (I) Internal combustion engines (other than those included under Item 178 (J)), viz. :— (1) Marine, including reversing gear and reduction gear imported therewith and for use therewith— (a) up to and including 40 horse-power ad val.	25 per cent.	42½ per cent.	52½ per cent.
(b) exceeding 40 horse-power—the rate of duty shall be the percentage rate under sub-paragraph (a) reduced by 2.5 for each horse-power above 40 horse-power, with minimum of ad val.	Free	12½ per cent.	17½ per cent.
(2) Other— (a) up to and including 60 horse-power ad val.	25 per cent.	42½ per cent.	52½ per cent.
(b) exceeding 60 horse-power—the rate of duty shall be the percentage rate under sub-paragraph (a) reduced by 2.5 for each horse-power above 60 horse-power, with minimum of ad val.	Free	12½ per cent.	17½ per cent.
For the purposes of this sub-item horse-power shall be determined as prescribed by Departmental By-laws.”			
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.”

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Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
Division VI.—Metals and Machinery—<i>continued.</i>			
194— <i>continued.</i>			
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 from sub-item (P) the words “centre-stretched,”			
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.”
219. By omitting the whole of sub-item (R) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“(R) Files (including rasps) - ad val.	17½ per cent.	32½ per cent.	35 per cent.”
By adding a new sub-item (K) as follows :—			
“(K) Micrometers, being hand tools, viz. :—			
(1) Dial micrometers - ad val.	Free	17½ per cent.	17½ per cent.
(2) Other - ad val.	Free	7½ per cent.	12½ per cent.”
By adding a new sub-item (L) as follows :—			
“(L) Precision test indicators, not being hand tools, for testing the accuracy of surfaces, viz. :—			
(1) Pneumatic type - ad val.	17½ per cent.	35 per cent.	40 per cent.
(2) Other - ad val.	Free	17½ per cent.	22½ per cent.”
By adding a new sub-item (M) as follows :—			
“(M) Removers (or lifters), valve spring, internal combustion engine—			
(1) Being hand tools - ad val.	17½ per cent.	25 per cent.	30 per cent.
(2) Other - ad val.	17½ per cent.	32½ per cent.	37½ per cent.”

DIVISION VII.—OILS, PAINTS, AND VARNISHES.

225. By omitting the whole of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“(B) Crayons and pastels, including solid lead pencils but not including leads for wooden lead pencils; chalks n.e.i. - ad val.	17½ per cent.	35 per cent.	45 per cent.”
By adding a new sub-item (D) as follows :—			
“(D) Leads for wooden lead pencils - ad val.	Free	17½ per cent.	17½ per cent.”
229. By omitting the whole of sub-item (G) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“(G) Vegetable oils, edible, for denaturation as prescribed by Departmental By-laws :—			
(1) Babassu per gallon	5d.	5d.	9d.
(2) Other per gallon	5d.	9d.	9d.”

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.”

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.	20 per cent.	47½ per cent.	52½ per cent.
(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.	20 per cent.	37½ per cent.	42½ per cent.
(3) N.E.I. - - - - - ad val.	20 per cent.	37½ per cent.	42½ per cent.”

DIVISION XII.—HIDES, LEATHER, AND RUBBER.

331. By omitting the whole of sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (2) of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following sub-paragraph :—			
“ (b) Elastic, viz. :—			
(1) Having a width or diameter not exceeding 2 inches - - - - - ad val.	17½ per cent.	35 per cent.	65 per cent.
(2) Having a width or diameter exceeding 2 inches but not exceeding 6 inches ad val.	15 per cent.	32½ per cent.	65 per cent.
(3) Knitted or lockstitched, in tubular form, of the type used in the manufacture of corsets and foundation garments - ad val.	Free	12½ per cent.	17½ per cent.
(4) Other - - - - - ad val.	Free	12½ per cent.	12½ per cent.”

DIVISION XVI.—MISCELLANEOUS.

369. By omitting the whole of paragraph (4) of sub-item (c) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :—			
“ (4) Of a type not included in any other paragraph of this sub-item—			
(a) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws -	Free	Free	Free
(b) Other - - - - - ad val.	Free	12½ per cent.	12½ per cent.”
By adding to sub-item (c) a new paragraph (5) as follows :—			
“ (5) Of polyethylene—			
(a) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws -	Free	Free	Free
(b) Other - - - - - ad val.	Free	12½ per cent.	12½ per cent.”
By omitting the whole of paragraph (4) of sub-item (D) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :—			
“ (4) Of a type not included in any other paragraph of this sub-item - - - - - ad val.	Free	12½ per cent.	12½ per cent.”
By adding to sub-item (D) a new paragraph (5) as follows :—			
“ (5) Of polyethylene - - - - - ad val.	10 per cent.	22½ per cent.	27½ per cent.”
By omitting the whole of sub-paragraph (d) of paragraph (1) of sub-item (F) and inserting in its stead the following sub-paragraph :—			
“ (d) Of a type not included in any other sub-paragraph of this paragraph - - - - - ad val.	Free	12½ per cent.	12½ per cent.”
By adding to paragraph (1) of sub-item (F) a new sub-paragraph (e) as follows :—			
“ (e) Of polyethylene - - - - - ad val.	10 per cent.	22½ per cent.	27½ per cent.”

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Tariff Items	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
Division XVI.—Miscellaneous—<i>continued.</i>			
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.”
376. By omitting the whole of sub-item (g) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“(g) Kit bag frames - - - - - ad val.	22½ per cent.	37½ per cent.	45 per cent.”
By adding a new sub-item (n) as follows :—			
“(n) Frames for ladies' or children's handbags; catches (not being fasteners covered by item 106 (g) or item 106 (n)) for wallets or for ladies' or children's handbags - - - - - ad val.	17½ per cent.	32½ per cent.	40 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 ”
418. By omitting from paragraph (1) of sub-item (c) the words “dial micrometers;”.			
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 ”

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EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 1).

That the Schedule to the *Excise Tariff* 1921-1952 be amended as hereinafter set out, and that, on and after the twenty-fifth day of November, 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.”
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	66s. 6d.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (G) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—	
“ (G) 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 (H) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—	
“ (H) 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 (I) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—	
“ (I) Spirits, n.e.i. - - - - - per proof gallon	75s. 6d.”
5. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :—	
“ 5. (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.”

24th November, 1953.

9. NATIONAL HEALTH BILL 1953 [No. 2].—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—

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—

Mr. A. D. Fraser moved the following amendment:—Page 4, line 6, after “delegate” insert “to an officer or to a person included in a prescribed class of persons”.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 7 and 8 agreed to.

Clause 9—

Mr. Morgan moved the following amendment:—Page 5, lines 25 and 26, omit “for medical practitioners and hospitals”.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 10 to 14, by leave, taken together—

Mr. A. D. Fraser moved the following amendment:—Clause 14, page 8, line 19, omit “contributor”, insert “person”.

Debate ensued.

Limitation of Debate.—At five o'clock p.m., the Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the Committee stage to the end of clause 14 had expired—

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

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

AYES, 53.

Mr. Anthony	Mr. Dean	Mr. Eric J.	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Beale	Mr. Downer	Harrison	Mr. Luck	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Berry	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bland	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Holt	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Turner
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McCole	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Brown	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Jack	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wight
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Francis	Mr. Joske	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Casey	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Osborne	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Kent Hughes	Sir E. Page	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Gullett

NOES, 48.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Ewert	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clark	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Keon	Mr. Russell
Mr. Bird	Mr. Crean	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Stewart
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Greenup	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Davies	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Watkins
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Mr. Calwell	Mr. Duthie	Harrison	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Daly
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Peters	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Further question—That clauses 10 to 14 be agreed to—put and passed.

Clauses 15 to 25 agreed to.

Clauses 26 to 37, by leave, taken together—

Mr. A. D. Fraser moved the following amendment:—Clause 26, page 13, at the end of the clause add the following sub-clause:—

“(2.) A medical practitioner who has rendered a professional service for a person shall on request by that person supply to him a statement in writing giving particulars of the professional service and of the charge made therefor.”.

Debate ensued.

Limitation of Debate.—At nine o'clock p.m., the Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the Committee stage to the end of clause 37 had expired—

Question—That the sub-clause proposed to be added be so added—put.

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

AYES, 50.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Clark	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Costa	Mr. Fuller	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bird	Mr. Crean	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Watkins
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Whitlam
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24th November, 1953.

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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.”
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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.”
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	66s. 6d.”
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By omitting the whole of sub-item (H) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “ (H) 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 (I) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “ (I) Spirits, n.e.i. - - - per proof gallon	75s. 6d.”
5. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “ 5. (A) Liqueurs, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - per proof gallon (B) Liqueurs, n.e.i. - - - per proof gallon (C) Flavoured spirituous liquors, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - per proof gallon	65s. 6d. 75s. 6d. 65s. 6d.”

24th November, 1953.

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

1. That, on and after the twenty-fifth day of November, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-three, the provisions of these Proposals have effect for the purposes of the *Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) 1933-1952* in lieu of the provisions of section eleven of that Act.

2. That goods be deemed to be the produce of New Zealand if they are unmanufactured raw products of New Zealand.

3. That goods be deemed to be the manufacture of New Zealand—

(a) if the goods were wholly manufactured in New Zealand from materials of one or more of the following classes :—

- (i) unmanufactured raw products ;
- (ii) materials wholly manufactured in New Zealand or Australia, or in New Zealand and Australia ; and
- (iii) imported materials which the Minister has determined, by notice in the *Gazette*, to be manufactured raw materials ; or

(b) if the goods were partly manufactured in New Zealand, the process last performed in the manufacture of the goods was performed in New Zealand and—

- (i) not less than one-half of the factory or works cost of the goods is represented by the value of labour or material, or of labour and material, of New Zealand or of New Zealand and Australia ;
- (ii) not less than three-quarters of the factory or works cost of the goods is represented by the value of labour or material, or of labour and material, of New Zealand and the United Kingdom or of New Zealand, Australia and the United Kingdom ; or
- (iii) in the case of goods of a class or kind not commercially manufactured in Australia, not less than one-quarter of the factory or works cost of the goods is represented by the value of labour or material, or of labour and material, of New Zealand or of New Zealand and Australia, and the Minister has not determined, by notice in the *Gazette*, that the provisions enacted to give effect to this clause do not apply in relation to those goods or to a class of goods in which those goods are included.

4. That, for the purposes of the provisions enacted to give effect to paragraph 3 of these Proposals, the Minister may, by notice in the *Gazette*—

(a) specify the manner in which the factory or works cost of goods or the value of labour and material is to be determined ; and

(b) determine that goods, or goods included in a class of goods, shall be deemed to be goods of a class or kind not commercially manufactured in Australia.

5. That, for the purposes of the provisions enacted to give effect to clause (ii) of sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph 3 of these Proposals, material which, under the New Zealand British Preferential Tariff, is treated as having been wholly produced or wholly manufactured in the United Kingdom be deemed to be material of the United Kingdom.

6. That, in these Proposals—

“ the *Gazette* ” mean the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette* ;

“ the Minister ” mean the Minister of State for the time being administering the *Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) 1933-1952*, or that Act as amended from time to time, and include any Minister of State or member of the Federal Executive Council for the time being acting for or on behalf of that Minister ;

“ the New Zealand British Preferential Tariff ” have the same meaning as in the *Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) 1933-1952* ;

“ unmanufactured raw products ” mean natural or primary products that have not been subjected to an industrial process, other than an ordinary process of primary production, and include, without limiting the generality of the foregoing—

- (a) animals, and parts of animals obtained by killing, including bones, hides and skins (raw or sun dried) ;
- (b) greasy wool ;
- (c) plants, and parts of plants, including raw cotton, bark, fruit, nuts, grain, seeds (in their natural state) and unwrought logs ;
- (d) minerals in their natural state and ores ; and
- (e) crude petroleum.

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.

24th November, 1953.

7. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Tariff Board—Reports—

- Elastics.
- Engine Cleaning Waste.
- Files.
- Metal-working Lathes.
- Plastics (Polyethylene).
- Tools and other Articles imported as Standard Equipment with Machines and Appliances.
- Valve Spring Removers or Lifters.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

8. DECLARATION OF NATIONAL HEALTH BILL 1953 [No. 2] AS URGENT BILL—LIMITATION OF DEBATE.—
Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) declared that the National Health Bill 1953 was an Urgent Bill—

Question—That the Bill be considered an Urgent Bill—put.

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

AYES, 54.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Dean	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. Luck	Mr. Townley
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drury	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turner
Mr. Berry	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Holt	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bland	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Joske	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Francis	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Osborne	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Kent Hughes	Sir E. Page	
Mr. Casey	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Davis			Mr. Swartz	

NOES, 49.

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Allotment of Time.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison then moved, That the time allotted in connexion with the Bill be as follows:—

(a) For the Committee stage—

- (i) to the end of clause 14, until 5 p.m. this day,
- (ii) to the end of clause 37, until 9 p.m. this day,
- (iii) to the end of clause 45, until 10.30 p.m. this day,
- (iv) to the end of clause 57, until 4.30 p.m., Wednesday, 25th November,
- (v) to the end of clause 76, until 5.30 p.m., Wednesday, 25th November,
- (vi) to the end of clause 139, until 10.40 p.m., Wednesday, 25th November,
- (vii) remainder of Committee stage, until 10.50 p.m., Wednesday, 25th November.

(b) For the remaining stages, until 11 p.m., Wednesday, 25th November.

Debate ensued.

The time allowed by Standing Order No. 93 for the discussion of the motion having expired—

Question—put.

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

AYES, 54.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Dean	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. Luck	Mr. Townley
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Mr. Beale	Mr. Drury	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turner
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Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Ewert	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Russell	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

24th November, 1953.

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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.

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Mr. A. D. Fraser moved the following amendment:—Page 4, line 6, after “ delegate ” insert “ to an officer or to a person included in a prescribed class of persons ”.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 7 and 8 agreed to.

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Mr. Morgan moved the following amendment:—Page 5, lines 25 and 26, omit “ for medical practitioners and hospitals ”.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 10 to 14, by leave, taken together—

Mr. A. D. Fraser moved the following amendment:—Clause 14, page 8, line 19, omit “ contributor ”, insert “ person ”.

Debate ensued.

Limitation of Debate.—At five o'clock p.m., the Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the Committee stage to the end of clause 14 had expired—

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

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

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Mr. Bird	Mr. Crean	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Stewart
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Thompsonson
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Greenup	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Ward
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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Debate ensued.

Limitation of Debate.—At nine o'clock p.m., the Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the Committee stage to the end of clause 37 had expired—

Question—That the sub-clause proposed to be added be so added—put.

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AYES, 50.

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

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NOES, 55.

Mr. Anthony	Mr. Dean	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Townley
Mr. Beale	Mr. Downer	Harrison	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Berry	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hasluck	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drury	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bowden	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wight
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Failes	Mr. Jack	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Joske	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Kekwick	Sir E. Page	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Casey	Mr. Francis	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Corser	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Davis	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson	

And so it was negatived.

Further question—That clauses 26 to 37 be agreed to—put and passed.

Clauses 38 to 45, by leave, taken together—

Mr. A. D. Fraser moved the following amendment :—Clause 38, page 17, line 13, after “ agreement ” insert “ pro forma of which is set forth in the Fifth Schedule ”.

Debate ensued.

Limitation of Debate.—At half-past ten o'clock p.m., the Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the Committee stage to the end of clause 45 had expired—

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

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

AYES, 51.

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

NOES, 56.

Mr. Anthony	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wight
Mr. Berry	Mr. Drury	Mr. Holt	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bland	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Jack	Mr. Osborne	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Joske	Sir E. Page	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Davidson
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Francis	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Casey	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Swartz	
Mr. Corser	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Timson	
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Luck	Mr. Townley	
Mr. Davis	Mr. Eric J. Harrison	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Turnbull	
Mr. Dean		Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Turner	

And so it was negatived.

Further question—That clauses 38 to 45 be agreed to—put and passed.

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.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Earle Page (Minister for Health) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-one minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., 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. Bate, Mr. Bostock, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Graham, Mr. Howse, Mr. James, Mr. McEwen, Mr. McMahon, Mr. Menzies and Mr. Wentworth.

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