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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 19.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH APRIL, 1956.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Adermann) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.—Mr. Deputy Speaker informed the House that the First Sea Lord Admiral the Right Honorable Earl Mountbatten of Burma, K.G., G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., G.C.V.O., K.C.B., D.S.O., was within the precincts. The distinguished visitor thereupon, with the concurrence of honorable Members, was provided with a seat on the floor of the House.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Coal Industry Act—Joint Coal Board—  
Eighth Annual Report and financial accounts, for year 1954-55.  
Report of the Auditor-General of the Commonwealth on the accounts of the Joint Coal Board for year 1954-55.
4. SALARIES ADJUSTMENT BILL 1956.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for Increases in certain Salaries, and for purposes connected therewith.  
Question—put and passed.  
Sir Eric Harrison 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 Eric Harrison moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr. C. R. Cameron), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
5. EXTENDED TIME FOR SPEECH.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, pursuant to notice, That the maximum period for which the Treasurer may speak on the motion to print the Ministerial Statement on the National Economy shall not exceed 45 minutes.  
Question—put and passed.
6. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 2) AND EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 2).—  
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

*(In the Committee.)*

Mr. Osborne (Minister for Customs and Excise) moved—

## CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 2).

That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1933-1954, as proposed to be amended by Customs Tariff Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the fourteenth day of March, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-six, be further amended as hereinafter set out, and that on and after the fifteenth day of March, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-six, 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* 1933-1954 as so amended.

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## IMPORT DUTIES.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
<b>DIVISION VII.—OILS, PAINTS, AND VARNISHES.</b>			
229. By omitting the whole of sub-item (c) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“ (c) Petroleum and shale products, viz. :—naphtha, benzine, benzoline, gasoline, pentane, petrol and any other petroleum or shale spirit—			
(1) For use in aircraft, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws per gallon	10d.	10d.	10d.
(2) Other - - - - - per gallon	1s. 1d.	1s. 1d.	1s. 1d.”

## EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 2).

That the Schedule to the *Excise Tariff* 1921–1953, as proposed to be amended by Excise Tariff Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the fourteenth day of March, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-six, be further amended as hereinafter set out, and that on and after the fifteenth day of March, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-six, 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* 1921–1953 as so amended.

## EXCISE DUTIES.

Articles.	Rate of Duty.
11. By omitting the whole of paragraph (2) of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :—	
“ (2) N.E.I.—	
(a) For use in aircraft, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws per gallon	8½d.
(b) Other - - - - - per gallon	11½d.”

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

The House resumed; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

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

7. NATIONAL ECONOMY—ECONOMIC MEASURES—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 14th March, 1956*], viz. :—National Economy—Economic Measures—Ministerial Statement—be printed—*And on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Crean, viz. :—That all words after “ Paper ” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof :—“ so far as it discloses a policy of increasing interest rates on bank overdrafts is injurious to the large majority of the people of Australia and should be rejected ”—*

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Failes), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

8. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of the Treasury—W. H. H. Greenfield.
9. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
- Question—put and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Anthony, Mr. Beazley, Mr. Bland, Mr. Brand, Mr. Cairns, Mr. A. G. Cameron, Mr. Daly\*, Mr. Drury, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Graham, Mr. Haworth, Mr. Haylen, Mr. Lucock and Sir Earle Page.

\* On leave.

A. A. TREGEAR,  
Clerk of the House of Representatives.