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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 53.

TUESDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER, 1956.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Audit Act—Finance—Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year 1955-56, accompanied by the Report of the Auditor-General.
Ordered to be printed.
 - The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth—
 - Northern Territory—Statement regarding revocation of telegraph reserve at Powell Creek.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
 - The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Bankruptcy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1956, No. 61.
 - Defence Act—Royal Military College—Report for 1955.
 - Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—
 - Defence purposes—Sutherland, New South Wales.
 - Postal purposes—
 - Burraboi, New South Wales.
 - Tullakool, New South Wales.
 - Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
 - Health—G. C. Scott.
 - Interior—G. R. Shacklock.
 - Shipping and Transport—J. Thompson.
 - Social Services—B. Evans.
 - Works—W. J. Baldwin.
 - Public Service Arbitration Act—Determinations—1956—
 - No. 50—Federated Ship Painters and Dockers' Union of Australia.
 - No. 51—Australian Federated Union of Locomotive Enginemen and Australian Workers' Union.
 - No. 52—Meat Inspectors' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
 - No. 53—Commonwealth Postmasters' Association and Fourth Division Postmasters, Postal Clerks and Telegraphists' Union.
 - No. 54—Repatriation Department Medical Technologists' Association.
 - No. 55—Australian Workers' Union.
 - No. 56—Australian Workers' Union and Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.
 - No. 57—Merchant Service Guild of Australasia.
 - No. 58—Australian Federated Union of Locomotive Enginemen.
 - No. 59—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.
 - No. 60—Musicians' Union of Australia.
 - No. 61—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.
 - No. 62—Transport Workers' Union of Australia and others.
 - No. 63—Australian Journalists' Association.
 - No. 64—Federated Ironworkers' Association of Australia.
 - No. 65—Federated Clerks' Union of Australia.
 - No. 66—Australian Workers' Union.
 - No. 67—North Australian Workers' Union.
 - No. 68—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.
 - No. 69—Commonwealth Naval Storehousemen's Association and Commonwealth Storemen and Packers' Union of Australia.
 - No. 71—Professional Radio Employees' Institute of Australasia.
 - Nos. 72 and 73—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

Sales Tax Assessment Acts (Nos. 1 to 9)—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1956, No. 59.

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3. BARKER ELECTORAL DIVISION—ISSUE OF WRIT.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that it was his intention to issue a Writ, on Tuesday, the 11th September next, for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Barker, in the State of South Australia, in the place of the Honorable A. G. Cameron, deceased. The dates in connexion with the election would be fixed as follows:—

Date of Nomination	Wednesday, 26th September, 1956.
Date of Polling	Saturday, 13th October, 1956.
Date of Return of Writ	On or before Saturday, 24th November, 1956.

4. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 3), CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 4), EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 3), CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADIAN PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (No. 1), CUSTOMS TARIFF (PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (No. 1), CUSTOMS TARIFF (FEDERATION OF RHODESIA AND NYASALAND PREFERENCE), CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 5) AND CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 6).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 3).

[See proposed Resolution of the 16th May, 1956 (pages 136–47)].

Motion, by leave, taken as a whole, and debated.

Mr. Osborne (Minister for Customs and Excise) moved, That the Tariff Resolution relating to sub-item (g) of Item 392 introduced into the House of Representatives on the 7th June, 1956, be incorporated in the present proposals as on and from the 8th June, 1956.

Question—put and passed.

Debate continued.

Motion, with Customs Tariff Amendment (No. 4) of the 7th June, 1956, incorporated, agreed to.

EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 3).

[See proposed Resolution of the 16th May, 1956 (page 148)].

Motion, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADIAN PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (No. 1).

[See proposed Resolution of the 16th May, 1956 (pages 148–9)].

Motion, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

CUSTOMS TARIFF (PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (No. 1).

[See proposed Resolution of the 16th May, 1956 (page 150)].

Motion, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

CUSTOMS TARIFF (FEDERATION OF RHODESIA AND NYASALAND PREFERENCE).

[See proposed Resolution of the 16th May, 1956 (pages 150–1)].

Motion, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 5).

[See proposed Resolution of the 13th June, 1956 (pages 221–2)].

Motion, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 6).

[See proposed Resolution of the 13th June, 1956 (page 223)].

Motion, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Resolutions 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.

Mr. Osborne 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. Osborne, the Resolutions reported from the Committee were adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Osborne and Mr. McMahon do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

5. CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL (No. 2) 1956.—Mr. Osborne (Minister for Customs and Excise) then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Customs*”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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

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

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

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(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Osborne, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

6. EXCISE TARIFF BILL (No. 2) 1956.—Mr. Osborne (Minister for Customs and Excise) also brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Excise* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Osborne, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

7. CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADIAN PREFERENCE) BILL 1956.—Mr. Osborne (Minister for Customs and Excise) also brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1934-1954 ’* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Osborne, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

8. CUSTOMS TARIFF (PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA PREFERENCE) BILL 1956.—Mr. Osborne (Minister for Customs and Excise) also brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Customs Tariff (Papua and New Guinea Preference) 1936-1950 ’* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Osborne, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

9. CUSTOMS TARIFF (FEDERATION OF RHODESIA AND NYASALAND PREFERENCE) BILL 1956.—Mr. Osborne (Minister for Customs and Excise) also brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Customs on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Osborne, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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10. CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL (No. 3) 1956.—Mr. Osborne (Minister for Customs and Excise) also brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Customs* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
 Mr. Osborne moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
 Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.
 Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.
 On the motion of Mr. Osborne, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

11. NORTHERN TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT—REPORT BY ADMINISTRATOR—PRINTING OF PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Hasluck (Minister for Territories), That the Paper [*presented on the 13th March, 1956*], viz. :—
 Northern Territory—Problems of Development—Report by Administrator on visit overseas (October, 1955—January, 1956)—
 be printed—
 Debate resumed.
 Ordered—That Mr. Hasluck be granted an extension of time.
 Question—put and passed.
12. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) from making his speech on the Budget without limitation of time.
 Question—put and passed.
13. SUPPLY—BUDGET DEBATE.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

General debate resumed on the question, That the first item in the Estimates, under Division No. 1—Senate—namely—

Salaries and allowances	£26,500
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be agreed to.
 Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) moved, as an amendment, That the first item be reduced by £1.
 Debate continued.
 Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Lawrence reported accordingly.
 Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

14. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at five 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. Barnard, Mr. Brand, Mr. D. A. Cameron, Mr. Clarey, Mr. Fairbairn*, Sir Eric Harrison, Mr. James, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Opperman, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Swartz, Mr. Townley, Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Wight.

* On leave.

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