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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 62.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH DECEMBER, 1957.

1. The House met, at fourteen minutes to three o'clock p.m.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that Mr. Nobusuke Kishi, Prime Minister of Japan, 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—
 - Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—
 - Defence purposes—
 - Balcombe, Victoria.
 - Queenscliff, Victoria.
 - Postal purposes—Freshwater Creek, Victoria.
 - Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Australian Capital Territory for year 1956–57.
 - Stevedoring Industry Act—Australian Stevedoring Industry Authority—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1956–57.
4. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORT—TRUST FUND—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Bland (Chairman) brought up the following Report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts—
 - Thirty-fourth Report, together with Minutes of Evidence—Trust Fund—
 and moved, That the Paper be printed.
 Debate ensued.
 Debate adjourned (Mr. Calwell), and the resumption of the date made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.
5. DEFENCE FORCES RETIREMENT BENEFITS BILL 1957.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act 1948–1956*.
 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.
 Debate adjourned (Mr. Calwell), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.
6. STEVEDORING INDUSTRY BILL 1957.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to the Stevedoring Industry.
 Question—put and passed.
 Mr. Holt 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. Holt moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr. Ward), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

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7. PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, pursuant to notice, That Government Business shall take precedence over General Business to-morrow.
Question—put and passed.
8. DIESEL FUEL TAXATION (ADMINISTRATION) BILL 1957.—Mr. Osborne (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to Taxation imposed on certain Diesel Fuel.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Osborne 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. Osborne moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.
9. WAYS AND MEANS—DIESEL FUEL TAX.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

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

1. That, in this Resolution—
“certificate” mean a certificate issued by the Minister, or a delegate of the Minister, certifying that a person specified in the certificate is a person who requires diesel fuel for use otherwise than in propelling road vehicles on public roads;
“diesel fuel to which this Resolution applies” mean diesel fuel that has been purchased, whether before or after the commencing date, by a person, being the holder of a certificate, at a price which, by virtue of that person being the holder of a certificate, was less than the price that would have been payable if that person had not been the holder of a certificate;
“road vehicle” mean a vehicle designed solely or principally for transporting persons, goods or animals by road;
“the commencing date” mean the date on which the Acts passed to give effect to this Resolution come into operation.
2. That, subject to the next succeeding paragraph, a tax at the rate of One shilling per gallon be imposed on diesel fuel to which this Resolution applies that, after the commencing date, is sold or otherwise disposed of to a person who is not the holder of a certificate.
3. That tax referred to in the last preceding paragraph be not imposed on diesel fuel by reason of a sale or disposal of that diesel fuel if tax has been imposed on that diesel fuel by reason of a previous sale or disposal of that diesel fuel.
4. That, subject to the next succeeding paragraph, a tax at the rate of One shilling per gallon be imposed on diesel fuel to which this Resolution applies that, after the commencing date, is used in propelling a road vehicle on a public road.
5. That tax referred to in the last preceding paragraph be not imposed on diesel fuel by reason of its being used in propelling a road vehicle on a public road if tax referred to in paragraph 2 of this Resolution has been imposed on that diesel fuel by reason of a sale or other disposal of that diesel fuel.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution 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 Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

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

10. DIESEL FUEL TAX BILL (NO. 1) 1957.—Mr. Osborne (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to Impose a Tax on certain Diesel Fuel Sold or otherwise Disposed of*”, 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.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.
11. DIESEL FUEL TAX BILL (NO. 2) 1957.—Mr. Osborne (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) also brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to Impose a Tax on certain Diesel Fuel used in Road Vehicles on Public Roads*”, 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.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

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12. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF (INDUSTRIES PRESERVATION).—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

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

I. That duties of customs be imposed in accordance with the following provisions:—

Dumping Duty—Third Country.

A.—(1.) If the Minister is satisfied that goods which are produced or manufactured in a particular country have been or are being sold to an importer in Australia at an export price which is less than the fair market value of the goods at the time of shipment and that detriment may thereby result to the trade in the Australian market of producers or manufacturers in a third country, the Minister may publish a notice in the *Gazette* specifying the goods as to which he is so satisfied.

(2.) Upon the publication of the notice, there shall be charged, collected and paid to the use of the Queen for the purposes of the Commonwealth, on those goods imported into Australia, a special duty (in this paragraph referred to as “the third country dumping duty”).

(3.) The amount of the third country dumping duty in each case shall be the sum which represents the difference between the fair market value of the goods at the time of shipment and the export price, but where the importer satisfies the Minister that he purchased the goods within six months prior to the time of shipment and that after the date of purchase and prior to the date of shipment the fair market value of the goods had increased, the fair market value to be taken for the purposes of this paragraph shall be the fair market value at the date of purchase.

Dumping below Cost Duty—Third Country.

B.—(1.) If the Minister is satisfied that goods which are produced or manufactured in a particular country have been or are being sold to an importer in Australia at an export price which is less than a reasonable price and that detriment may thereby result to the trade in the Australian market of producers or manufacturers in a third country, the Minister may publish a notice in the *Gazette* specifying the goods as to which he is so satisfied.

(2.) Upon the publication of the notice, there shall be charged, collected and paid to the use of the Queen for the purposes of the Commonwealth, on those goods imported into Australia, a special duty (in this paragraph referred to as “the third country dumping below cost duty”).

(3.) The amount of the third country dumping below cost duty in each case shall be the sum which represents the difference between a reasonable price of the goods at the time of shipment and the export price of the goods.

(4.) In this paragraph, “a reasonable price”, in relation to goods, means such an amount as represents the cost of production of the goods plus such addition, not exceeding twenty per centum, as is determined by the Minister, plus free on board charges.

(5.) In the absence of satisfactory evidence as to the cost of production, the Minister may fix such amount as he thinks fit as the cost of production, and the amount so fixed shall, for the purposes of this paragraph, be deemed to be the cost of production.

Dumping Consignment Duty—Third Country.

C.—(1.) If the Minister is satisfied—

(a) that goods which are produced or manufactured in a particular country have been or are being consigned to Australia for sale;

(b) that the goods may be sold at less than a reasonable selling price; and

(c) that detriment may thereby result to the trade in the Australian market of producers or manufacturers in a third country,

the Minister may publish a notice in the *Gazette* specifying the goods as to which he is so satisfied.

(2.) Upon the publication of the notice, there shall be charged, collected and paid to the use of the Queen, for the purposes of the Commonwealth, on those goods imported into Australia, a special duty (in this paragraph referred to as “the third country dumping consignment duty”).

(3.) The amount of the third country dumping consignment duty in each case shall be the sum which represents the difference between the wholesale selling price in Australia and a reasonable selling price.

(4.) In this paragraph, “a reasonable selling price”, in relation to goods, means an amount ascertained by adding to the sum of—

(a) the fair market value of the goods;

(b) the freight, insurance, landing and other charges; and

(c) the amount of duty payable under the Customs Tariff,

such amount, not exceeding fifteen per centum of that sum, as is determined by the Minister.

(5.) If the evidence of the fair market value is, in the opinion of the Minister, insufficient, the Minister may, for the purposes of the last preceding sub-paragraph, substitute for the fair market value the ascertained cost of production plus such addition, not exceeding twenty per centum of that cost, as is determined by the Minister.

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Dumping Freight Duty—Third Country.

D.—(1.) If the Minister is satisfied—

- (a) that goods which are produced or manufactured in a particular country and have been or are being exported to Australia have been or are being carried—
 - (i) in subsidized ships at rates of freight lower than the normal rate of freight;
 - (ii) at ballast rates of freight, being rates lower than the normal rate of freight; or
 - (iii) freight free; or
- (b) that, by reason of any circumstance, including the granting of rebates, refunds or other allowances, the amount or the net amount of freight paid or payable on goods exported to Australia is lower than the amount of freight which would have been or would be payable at the normal rate of freight,

and that in any such case detriment may thereby result to the trade in the Australian market of producers or manufacturers in a third country, the Minister may publish a notice in the *Gazette* specifying the goods as to which he is so satisfied.

(2.) Upon the publication of the notice, there shall be charged, collected and paid to the use of the Queen, for the purposes of the Commonwealth, on those goods imported into Australia, a special duty (in this paragraph referred to as “the third country dumping freight duty”).

(3.) The third country dumping freight duty shall be—

- (a) in the case of goods which have been or are being carried freight free—the amount which would have been or would be payable as freight on those goods if they had been or were carried at the normal rate of freight; and
- (b) in the case of any other goods—such amount as, in the opinion of the Minister, is equal to the sum by which the freight which would have been or would be payable on those goods if they had been or were carried at the normal rate of freight exceeds the freight or the net freight paid or payable on those goods.

(4.) The normal rate of freight in respect of any goods to which this paragraph applies shall, for the purposes of this paragraph, be such as is determined by the Minister, but not exceeding the highest rate of freight payable, at the date of shipment of those goods, on similar goods carried by general cargo vessels which, in the opinion of the Minister, trade regularly with Australia.

(5.) If any dispute arises as to the rate of freight in respect of any goods, or the amount of any rebate, refund or other allowance in respect of freight on goods to which this paragraph applies, that rate or that amount shall, for the purposes of this paragraph, be such rate or amount as the Minister determines.

Countervailing Duty.

E.—(1.) If the Minister is satisfied, after inquiry and report by the Tariff Board, in respect of goods exported to Australia which are produced or manufactured in a particular country and are of a class or kind produced or manufactured in Australia, that a subsidy, bounty or other financial assistance has been or is being paid or given directly or indirectly upon the production, manufacture, carriage or export of those goods and that detriment may thereby result to an Australian industry, the Minister may publish a notice in the *Gazette* specifying the goods as to which he is so satisfied.

(2.) Upon the publication of the notice, there shall be charged, collected and paid to the use of the Queen for the purposes of the Commonwealth, on those goods imported into Australia, a special duty (in this paragraph referred to as “the countervailing duty”).

(3.) The amount of the countervailing duty in each case shall be a sum equal to the amount of the subsidy, bounty or other financial assistance referred to in sub-paragraph (1.) of this paragraph.

(4.) If the evidence of the amount of subsidy, bounty or other financial assistance is, in the opinion of the Minister, insufficient, the amount of subsidy, bounty or other financial assistance shall, for the purpose of this paragraph, be such as is determined by the Minister.

(5.) In this paragraph, “financial assistance” includes the benefit accruing to an exporter from the use of dual or multiple rates of exchange in relation to the proceeds of export sales.

Countervailing Duty—Third Country.

F.—(1.) If the Minister is satisfied, in respect of goods which are produced or manufactured in a particular country and have been or are being exported to Australia, that a subsidy, bounty or other financial assistance has been or is being paid or given directly or indirectly upon the production, manufacture, carriage or export of those goods and that detriment may thereby result to the trade in the Australian market of producers or manufacturers in a third country, the Minister may publish a notice in the *Gazette* specifying the goods as to which he is so satisfied.

(2.) Upon the publication of the notice, there shall be charged, collected and paid to the use of the Queen for the purposes of the Commonwealth, on those goods imported into Australia, a special duty (in this paragraph referred to as “the third country countervailing duty”).

(3.) The amount of the third country countervailing duty in each case shall be a sum equal to the amount of the subsidy, bounty or other financial assistance referred to in sub-paragraph (1.) of this paragraph.

(4.) If the evidence of the amount of subsidy, bounty or other financial assistance is, in the opinion of the Minister, insufficient, the amount of subsidy, bounty or other financial assistance shall, for the purpose of this paragraph, be such as is determined by the Minister.

(5.) In this paragraph, “financial assistance” includes the benefit accruing to an exporter from the use of dual or multiple rates of exchange in relation to the proceeds of export sales.

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International Obligations.

G. The Minister shall not publish a notice under sub-paragraph (1.) of paragraph A, B, C, D or F of this Proposal unless he is satisfied that the publication of the notice is not inconsistent with the obligations of Australia under any international agreement relating to tariffs or trade.

Application of Certain Provisions of Customs Tariff (Industries Preservation) Act.

II. That the provisions of sections 2, 3, 12, 12A, 13, 14, 15 and 16 of the *Customs Tariff (Industries Preservation) Act 1921-1956* apply to and in relation to the duties referred to in this Proposal in like manner as they apply to and in relation to the duties imposed by that Act.

Definitions.

III. That, in this Proposal—

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

“ the Minister ” mean the Minister of State administering the *Customs Tariff (Industries Preservation) Act 1921-1956*, as amended from time to time.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution 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 Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Osborne and Mr. Townley do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

13. CUSTOMS TARIFF (INDUSTRIES PRESERVATION) BILL 1957.—Mr. Osborne (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Customs Tariff (Industries Preservation) Act 1921-1956’* ”, 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.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

14. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 5, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

15. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 7), CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (NO. 3), CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADIAN PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (NO. 1) AND EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 2).—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

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

CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 7).

1. That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff 1933-1957*, as proposed to be amended by Customs Tariff Proposals, be further amended as set out in the Schedule to these Proposals, and that on and after the fifth day of December, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven, 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 1933-1957* 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 British Preferential Tariff shall apply to such goods as are specified in the Proclamation as are the produce or manufacture of a British country, being a British non-self-governing colony or a part of the Queen's dominions which was, on the fifteenth day of October, One thousand nine hundred and forty-six, a British non-self-governing colony, specified in that Proclamation in relation to those goods.

3. That on and after the time and date specified in a Proclamation issued in accordance with the last preceding paragraph, the British Preferential Tariff shall apply to such goods specified in the Proclamation as are the produce or manufacture of a 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 British Preferential Tariff shall cease to apply to the goods specified in the Proclamation so revoked, or, as the case may be, the application of the British Preferential Tariff to the goods specified in the Proclamation so varied, shall be varied accordingly.

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5. 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.

6. 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.

7. That any Proclamation issued in accordance with paragraph 5 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.

8. That in these Proposals, unless the contrary intention appears—

“British non-self-governing colony” include British Protectorates, the Trust Territory of Tanganyika and so much of the Trust Territories of the Cameroons and Togoland as is administered by Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom;

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

3rd September, 1957; and

17th October, 1957;

“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 British Preferential Tariff” mean the rates of duty set out in the Schedule to these Proposals, in the column headed “British Preferential Tariff”, in respect of goods in relation to which the expression is used;

“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.

THE SCHEDULE. IMPORT DUTIES.

| Tariff Items. | British Preferential Tariff. | Intermediate Tariff. | General Tariff. |
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DIVISION I.—ALE, SPIRITS, AND BEVERAGES.

16. By adding a new sub-item (D) as follows:—

| “ (D) Passionfruit juice— | | | | |
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| (1) In containers of less than one gallon | per gallon | 9s. 3d. | 10s. | 10s. |
| (2) Otherwise | per gallon | 8s. 3d. | 9s. | 9s.” |

DIVISION IV.—AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND GROCERIES.

54. By adding a new sub-item (D) as follows:—

| “ (D) Passionfruit pulp— | | | | |
|---|------------|---------|----------|-----------|
| (1) In containers of less than one gallon | per gallon | 9s. 3d. | 11s. 6d. | 11s. 6d. |
| (2) Otherwise | per gallon | 8s. 3d. | 10s. 3d. | 10s. 3d.” |

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

114. By omitting the item and inserting in its stead the following item:—

| “ 114. Hats, caps, and bonnets— | | | | |
|--|---|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| (A) Firemen’s helmets; miners’ hats; safety helmets | ad val. | Free | 7½ per cent. | 7½ per cent. |
| (B) Wool felt hats in any stage of manufacture for men and boys, including wool felt hoods therefor; fur felt hats in any stage of manufacture for men and boys, including fur felt hoods therefor | per dozen or ad val. | 16s. 22½ per cent. | 40s. 40 per cent. | 40s. 40 per cent. |
| | whichever rate returns the higher duty. | | | |
| (C) Caps n.e.i. | per dozen and ad val. | 10s. 12½ per cent. | 15s. 9d. 22½ per cent. | 15s. 9d. 22½ per cent. |

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THE SCHEDULE—*continued.*
IMPORT DUTIES—*continued.*

| Tariff Items. | British Preferential Tariff. | Intermediate Tariff. | General Tariff. |
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| Division V.—Textiles, Felts and Furs, and Manufactures thereof, and Attire—<i>continued.</i> | | | |
| " 114.— <i>continued.</i> | | | |
| (D) Hoods and capelines for women's and girls' hats, viz.:— | | | |
| (1) Wool felt hoods; wool felt capelines per dozen or ad val. whichever rate returns the higher duty. | 5s. 22½ per cent. | 15s. 40 per cent. | 15s. 40 per cent. |
| (2) Fur felt hoods; velour hoods; fur felt capelines; velour capelines per dozen or ad val. whichever rate returns the higher duty. | 18s. 22½ per cent. | 30s. 35 per cent. | 30s. 35 per cent. |
| (E) Felt hats for women and girls; berets; women's and girls' caps (other than bathing caps) of any material; hats n.e.i.; bonnets per dozen or ad val. whichever rate returns the higher duty. | 25s. 22½ per cent. | 45s. 40 per cent. | 45s. 40 per cent. |
| (F) Hoods other than of felt - ad val. For the purposes of this sub-item a hood means any unblocked form of any material (other than felt) woven or plaited throughout from the tip of the crown to the edge of the brim, also any unblocked form made of braid or similar material joined together by hand with a concealed thread. | 22½ per cent. | 35 per cent. | 35 per cent. |
| (G) Hat forms of braid or similar material sewn with a visible stitch, but not blocked or further processed - per dozen or ad val. whichever rate returns the higher duty. | 12s. 22½ per cent. | 18s. 32½ per cent. | 18s. 32½ per cent. |
| (H) Bathing caps; bathing hats - ad val. | Free | 10 per cent. | 10 per cent." |

DIVISION VI.—METALS AND MACHINERY.

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| 174. By omitting paragraph (88) of sub-item (x) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph:— " (88) Balancing machines, dynamic - ad val. | Free | 7½ per cent. | 7½ per cent." |
| 177. By omitting sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (1) of sub-item (B). By omitting sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (3) of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following sub-paragraph:— " (b) Tractor wheels and tractor wheel centres, for use with pneumatic tyres, whether imported separately or incorporated in or forming part of goods covered by sub-item (B) (1) or (c) - ad val. or per lb. whichever rate returns the higher duty." By adding a new sub-item (c) as follows:— " (c) Agricultural tractors including the tractor portion of machines known as rotary cultivators hoes or tillers, other than of the creeper or crawler type, not exceeding 10 belt pulley horse-power, and cultivators hoes or tillers of the rotary type for use therewith, combined or separate, but not including winches pneumatic rubber tyres and tubes and wheels and wheel centres for use with pneumatic tyres . ad val. | 22½ per cent. 1d. | 37½ per cent. 1½d. | 45 per cent. 2d. |
| 179. By omitting sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (3) of sub-item (D) and inserting in its stead the following sub-paragraph:— " (b) Electric household ironing machines - ad val. By adding to paragraph (3) of sub-item (D) a new sub-paragraph (d) as follows:— " (d) Electrically operated floor polishers of the household type; electrically operated machines of the household type which in addition to floor polishing are capable of performing the function of scrubbing ad val. | Free | 22½ per cent. | 22½ per cent." |
| 181. By omitting paragraph (3) of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph:— " (3) Cathode ray tubes (picture tubes) as used in television receiving sets, whether imported separately or otherwise - each and ad val. | 25 per cent. | 40 per cent. | 40 per cent." |
| | £11 .. | £11 10 per cent. | £11 10 per cent." |

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IMPORT DUTIES—continued.

| Tariff Items. | British Preferential Tariff. | Intermediate Tariff. | General Tariff. |
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| DIVISION XII.—HIDES, LEATHER, AND RUBBER. | | | |
| 333. By omitting paragraph (2) of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph:— “(2) Tyres each exceeding 2½ lb. weight and tubes each exceeding 1 lb. weight, whether imported separately or incorporated in or forming part of any of the goods covered by item 177 (B), 177 (C), 354 (B), 359 (D) or 359 (H) - - - - - per lb. | 6d. | 1s. 6d. | 1s. 11d.” |
| DIVISION XIII.—PAPER AND STATIONERY. | | | |
| 334. By omitting sub-item (D) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item:— “(D) (1) Copying and manifold copying, in sheets or rolls, weight not to exceed 9 lb. for 480 sheets 20 inches by 30 inches - - - - - ad val. (2) Tissue paper toilet tissue paper tissue cap paper toilet tissue cap paper, creped or uncreped, and paper for paper patterns, in sheets or rolls, weight not to exceed 9 lb. for 480 sheets 20 inches by 30 inches— (a) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - - per ton (b) Other - - - - - per ton By omitting sub-item (F) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item:— “(F) Irrespective of size or shape but not ruled or printed in any way, viz.:— (1) Printing paper n.e.i. writing and typewriting paper not including duplicating paper, in sheets less than 21 inches by 16½ inches (or its equivalent) or in rolls less than 13 inches in width - - - - - ad val. (2) Printing paper n.e.i. writing and typewriting paper not including duplicating paper, in sheets not less than 21 inches by 16½ inches (or its equivalent) or in rolls not less than 13 inches in width— (a) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - - per ton (b) The free on board price per ton of which is, or is the equivalent of, in Australian currency, not less than the price per ton as defined by Departmental By-laws - - - - - per ton (c) Other - - - - - per ton For the purposes of sub-paragraph (b) of this paragraph the free on board price is the actual money price paid or to be paid for the goods by the Australian importer plus all charges payable or ordinarily payable for placing the goods free on board at the port of export including the cost of outside packages, or, in the case of goods consigned for sale in Australia, the amount which, in the opinion of the Minister, would, at the date of exportation of those goods, be equal to the free on board price of similar goods if sold to an Australian importer. (3) Coated printing paper— (a) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - - per ton (b) Other - - - - - per ton By omitting clause (2) of sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph (1) of sub-item (G) and inserting in its stead the following clause:— “(2) Other - - - - - ad val. By omitting sub-item (H) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item:— “(H) True vegetable parchment, in sizes not less than 8 inches by 38 inches (or its equivalent) - per ton By omitting paragraph (3) of sub-item (J) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph:— “(3) Other - - - - - per ton By omitting sub-item (K) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item:— “(K) Surface coated paper n.e.i.— (1) Having printed or embossed designs thereon - - - - - ad val. | Free £5 £19 27½ per cent. Free £11 16s. 8d. Free £14 | 7½ per cent. £7 £21 47½ per cent. £4 £4 £16 6s. 8d. £4 £18 10s. 7½ per cent. £14 £16 6s. 8d. 7½ per cent. 7½ per cent. | 7½ per cent. £7 £21 ” 47½ per cent. £4 £4 £16 6s. 8d. £4 £18 10s.” 7½ per cent.” £14 ” £16 6s. 8d.” 7½ per cent, 7½ per cent. |

THE SCHEDULE—continued.
IMPORT DUTIES—continued.

| Tariff Items. | British Preferential Tariff. | Intermediate Tariff. | General Tariff. |
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| Division XIII.—Paper and Stationery—continued. | | | |
| 334.—continued. “(κ)—continued. (2) Other— (a) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws ad val. | Free | 7½ per cent. | 7½ per cent. |
| (b) Other - - - - - per ton ad val. | £14 | 10 per cent. | 10 per cent.” |
| By omitting paragraph (2) of sub-item (o) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph:— “(2) Paperhangings or wall papers - - - - - ad val. | Free | 7½ per cent. | 7½ per cent.” |
| By adding a new sub-item (U) as follows:— “(u) Boxmakers' fancy papers having printed or embossed designs thereon; decalcomania paper; leatherette paper; flock-coated paper; coated imitation book cloth; marble paper; foil paper - - - - - ad val. | Free | 7½ per cent. | 7½ per cent.” |

DIVISION XVI.—MISCELLANEOUS.

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| 401. By omitting sub-item (b) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item:— “(b) Goods, other, which after having been properly entered for home consumption in Australia were exported without drawback having been paid thereon, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - - | Free | Free | Free” |
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CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (NO. 3).

That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) 1933–1957* be amended as set out in the Schedule to these Proposals, and that on and after the fifth day of December, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven, 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 (New Zealand Preference) 1933–1957* as so amended.

THE SCHEDULE.

| Consecutive No. | Tariff Item. | Tariff Rates on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of New Zealand. |
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| 27. | By omitting the item and inserting in its stead the following item:— “27 Ex 114 Hats caps and bonnets to which sub-item (B), (C), (D), (E), (F) or (G) of Item 114 in the Schedule to the <i>Customs Tariff 1933–1957</i> , or that Act as amended from time to time, or as proposed to be amended from time to time by a Customs Tariff alteration proposed in the Parliament, applies - - - - - | 22½ per cent. ad val.” |

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

That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1934–1956* be amended as set out in the Schedule to these Proposals, and that on and after the fifth day of December, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven, 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 (Canadian Preference) 1934–1956* as so amended.

**THE SCHEDULE.
IMPORT DUTIES.**

| Tariff Item. | Tariff on goods the produce or manufacture of Canada. |
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| DIVISION VI.—METALS AND MACHINERY. | |
| By inserting the following:— “Ex 177. (c) Rotary cultivators hoes and tillers, of the types used with tractors or rotary cultivators hoes and tillers not exceeding 10 belt pulley horse-power, whether imported separately or otherwise - ad val. | 30 per cent.” |

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EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 2).

That the Schedule to the *Excise Tariff* 1921-1956, as proposed to be amended by Excise Tariff Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the third day of September, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven, be further amended as set out in the Schedule to these Proposals, and that on and after the fifth day of December, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven, 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* 1921-1956 as so amended.

THE SCHEDULE.
EXCISE DUTIES.

| Articles. | Rate of Duty. |
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| 21. By omitting the item and inserting in its stead the following item:— " 21. Cathode ray tubes (picture tubes) as used in television receiving sets - each | £6 " |

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.

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

Tariff Board—Reports—

Cathode Ray Tubes.

Euclid Twin Power Scrapers.

Floor Polishing Machines.

Hats, Caps and Bonnets.

Paper and Paper Products.

Passionfruit and Passionfruit Products.

Tractors and Rotary Hoes up to and including 10 belt pulley horse-power.

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

17. CUSTOMS TARIFF VALIDATION BILL 1957.—Mr. Osborne (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff Proposals.

Question—put and passed.

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

Debate adjourned (Mr. Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

18. EXCISE TARIFF VALIDATION BILL 1957.—Mr. Osborne (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Excise under Excise Tariff Proposals.

Question—put and passed.

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

Debate adjourned (Mr. Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

19. PETROLEUM SEARCH SUBSIDY BILL 1957.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—

Mr. Beale (Minister representing the Minister for National Development) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

20. AIR FORCE (CANTEENS) BILL 1957.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr.

Beale (Minister for Supply) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

21. ACTS INTERPRETATION BILL 1957.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr.

Beale (Minister for Supply) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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.

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The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Beale, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

22. NATIVE MEMBERS OF THE FORCES BENEFITS BILL 1957.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. D. A. Cameron (Minister representing the Minister for Repatriation) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Calwell), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

23. CHRISTMAS ISLAND (REQUEST AND CONSENT) BILL 1957.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Casey (Minister for External Affairs), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

24. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without requests:—

4th December, 1957—*Message*—

No. 87—Customs Tariff (No. 3) 1957.

No. 88—Excise Tariff 1957.

25. SUPERANNUATION BILL 1957.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1—

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

The House resumed; Mr. Lawrence reported accordingly.

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

26. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—SUPERANNUATION BILL 1957.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

W. J. SLIM,

Governor-General.

Message No. 53.

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 revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Superannuation Act 1922-1956*, and for other purposes.

Canberra, 13th November, 1957.

Ordered—That the 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. Robertson (Minister for Social Services) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Superannuation Act 1922-1956*, and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Lawrence reported accordingly.

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

27. SUPERANNUATION BILL 1957.—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 again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Lawrence reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Robertson (Minister for Social Services), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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28. DEFENCE FORCES RETIREMENT BENEFITS BILL 1957.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1—
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Lawrence reported accordingly.
Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

29. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—DEFENCE FORCES RETIREMENT BENEFITS BILL 1957.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

W. J. SLIM,
Governor-General.

Message No. 54.

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 revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act 1948-1956*.

Canberra, 26th November, 1957.

Ordered—That the 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. Beale (Minister for Supply) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act 1948-1956*.
Question—put and passed.
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Lawrence reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Beale, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

30. DEFENCE FORCES RETIREMENT BENEFITS BILL 1957.—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 again 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. Lawrence reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Beale (Minister for Supply), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

31. STEVEDORING INDUSTRY BILL 1957.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

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

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Osborne (Minister for Air), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

32. DIESEL FUEL TAXATION (ADMINISTRATION) BILL 1957.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1—
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.

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33. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—DIESEL FUEL TAXATION (ADMINISTRATION) BILL 1957.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

W. J. SLIM,

Governor-General.

Message No. 55.

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 revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act relating to Taxation imposed on certain Diesel Fuel.

Canberra, 3rd December, 1957.

Ordered—That the 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. Osborne (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act relating to Taxation imposed on certain Diesel Fuel.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

34. DIESEL FUEL TAXATION (ADMINISTRATION) BILL 1957.—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 again 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 (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

35. DIESEL FUEL TAX BILL (NO. 1) 1957.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
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 (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

36. DIESEL FUEL TAX BILL (NO. 2) 1957.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
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 (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

37. AIR FORCE (CANTEENS) BILL 1957.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

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, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Lawrence reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Beale (Minister for Supply), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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38. PETROLEUM SEARCH SUBSIDY BILL 1957.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.

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

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

(*In the Committee.*)

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

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Lawrence reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Beale (Minister representing the Minister for National Development), the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Beale moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

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

39. NATIVE MEMBERS OF THE FORCES BENEFITS BILL 1957.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—

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, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Lawrence reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. D. A. Cameron (Minister representing the Minister for Repatriation), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

40. CUSTOMS TARIFF (INDUSTRIES PRESERVATION) BILL 1957.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

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

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

(*In the Committee.*)

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 (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

41. CUSTOMS TARIFF VALIDATION BILL 1957.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—

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 (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

42. EXCISE TARIFF VALIDATION BILL 1957.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—

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 (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

43. ADVANCE TO THE TREASURER—EXPENDITURE—APPROVAL OF NEW PROCEDURE—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 House approves that, in lieu of the presentation of Supplementary Estimates and the introduction of Supplementary Appropriation Bills, the following procedure be adopted:—

(1) That there be presented to the House after the end of each financial year a Statement prepared by the Treasurer showing the Heads of Expenditure and the Amounts charged thereto pursuant to Section 36A of the *Audit Act* 1901–1957.

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(2) That the Statement be referred for the consideration of the Committee of the whole House.

(3) That a Resolution of the Committee be reported to the House for its adoption—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed.

44. ADVANCE TO THE TREASURER 1956-57—STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Statement 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.)

Statement taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.

Mr. H. E. Holt (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the following Resolution be reported to the House:—

That the Committee agrees with the Statement for the year 1956-57 of Heads of Expenditure and the Amounts charged thereto pursuant to Section 36A of the *Audit Act* 1901-1957.

Question—put and passed.

The House resumed; Mr. Lawrence reported accordingly.

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

45. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—A Message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:—

4th December, 1957—*Message No. 89*—Flax Fibre Bounty (No. 2) 1957.

46. 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 eleven minutes to two o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Bowden*, Mr. Bruce, Mr. Clark, Mr. Davis*, Mr. Drury, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Edmonds, Mr. Falkinder*, Mr. Fox, Mr. Galvin*, Mr. Harrison*, Mr. James, Mr. H. V. Johnson, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Leslie, Mr. Lucock, Mr. McIvor*, Mr. McMahon, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Peters, Mr. Pollard*, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Turner, Mr. Watkins* and Mr. Wheeler*.

*On leave.

A. G. TURNER,

Acting Clerk of the House of Representatives.