## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 29.

## TUESDAY, 12TH AUGUST, 1958.

- 1. The House met, at half-past three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2. Petitions.—Mr. Ward presented a Petition from certain electors in the States of the Commonwealth praying that the House will take immediate steps to increase social service benefits for mothers and their children.

Petition received and read.

A similar Petition was presented by Mr. Curtin, and was received.

3. Papers.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act-Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Board-Ninth Annual Report, for year 1956-57.

Papua and New Guinea Act-Ordinances-1958-

No. 23—Supply (No. 1) 1958-59.

No. 25—Supply (No. 1) 1938-59.
No. 25—Public Health (New Guinea).
No. 26—Health (Papua).
No. 27—Port Charges.

No. 28—Treasury.

No. 30-Poisons and Dangerous Substances.

Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—

Interior-R. L. Gray.

National Development-M. Kirton.

Supply—A. K. Smithson.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act-Ordinance-1958-No. 13-Medical Practitioners Registration.

4. Public Works Committee-Report.-Mr. Lawrence (Chairman) brought up the following Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:-

Report relating to the erection of an Automatic Telephone Exchange and Post Office Building at Potts Point, Sydney.

Ordered to be printed.

5. Ways and Means—Customs Tariff Amendments (Nos. 2, 3 and 4), Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) Amendment (No. 2), Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) Amendment (No. 2) AND CUSTOMS TARIFF (PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (No. 1).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 2).

[See proposed Resolution of the 14th May, 1958 (pages 97-9).]

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

Customs Tariff Amendment (No. 3).

[See proposed Resolution of the 14th May, 1958 (page 99).]

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

CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 4).

[See proposed Resolution of the 14th May, 1958 (page 100).]

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

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Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) Amendment (No. 2).

[See proposed Resolution of the 14th May, 1958 (page 100).]

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

CUSTOMS TARIFF (New Zealand Preference) Amendment (No. 2).

[See proposed Resolution of the 14th May, 1958 (page 101).]

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 14th May, 1958 (page 101).]

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. McEwen (Minister for Trade) 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. McEwen, the Resolutions reported from the Committee were adopted by the House. Ordered—That Mr. McEwen and Mr. Fairhall do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

6. Customs Tariff Bill (No. 3) 1958.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Trade) 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. McEwen 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. McEwen, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

7. Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) Bill (No. 2) 1958.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Trade) also brought up a Bill intituled "A Bill for an Act to amend the Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1934—1956', as amended by the Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1958'", and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. McEwen 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. McEwen, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

8. Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) Bill (No. 2) 1958.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Trade) also brought up a Bill intituled "A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) 1933–1957', as amended by the 'Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) 1958'", and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. McEwen 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. McEwen, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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9.	CUSTOMS TARIFF (PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA PREFERENCE) BILL 1958.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Trade)
	also brought up a Bill intituled "A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Customs Tariff (Papua and New Guinea
	Preference) 1936–1957'", and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. McEwen 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. McEwen, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

10. Suspension of Standing Orders-Extended Time for Speech.-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) speaking on the Budget for a period not exceeding one hour.

Question—put and passed.

11. 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 .. £27,450

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.

12. ADJOURNMENT.-Mr. Fairhall (Minister for the Interior) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-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. Bowden, Mr. Crean, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Harrison, Mr. James, Mr. Mackinnon, Mr. Minogue, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Watkins.

A. A. TREGEAR,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.