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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 19.

TUESDAY, 10TH APRIL, 1962.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Sir John McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITIONS.—Mr. Lucock presented a Petition from certain citizens of New South Wales praying that the use of the area known as "The Bombing Range" at Anna Bay for Air Force bombing and Army gunfire be discontinued forthwith, and that the range be shifted to the area known as "Uralla", Salt Ash or one of the islands off the coast.
Petition received and read.
A similar Petition was presented by Mr. James, and was received.
3. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were answered.
4. RE-DISTRIBUTION OF STATES INTO ELECTORAL DIVISIONS—APPOINTMENT OF DISTRIBUTION COMMISSIONERS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Freeth (Minister for the Interior), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement announcing the appointment of Distribution Commissioners for the purpose of re-distributing each State into Electoral Divisions.
5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Taxation—
Fortieth Report of the Commissioner of Taxation, dated 1st June, 1961.
Taxation Statistics, 1959-60.
Ordered to be printed.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for postal purposes—Reekara, King Island.
Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Regulations—1962—
No. 7 (Crown Lands Ordinance).
No. 8 (Hire-Purchase Ordinance).
Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Works—D. N. Williams.
Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations—1962—
No. 14—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.
No. 15—Amalgamated Engineering Union.
No. 16—Federated Public Service Assistants' Association of Australia.
6. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS.—Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:—
6th April, 1962—*Message*—
No. 16—States Grants 1962.
Loan (Housing) 1962.
Stevedoring Industry Charge 1962.
No. 17—Loan 1962.

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7. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF URGENCY—SOCIAL SERVICES.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that Mr. A. D. Fraser had proposed that a definite matter of urgent public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “Restrictions being suffered by those on social services, notably new restrictions on pensioners in letting rooms in their homes, the increasingly severe restriction on pensioner medical entitlement and the exclusion of unemployed persons from such entitlement, the exclusion of all mental hospital patients from any pension payment, the undue restrictions which have become apparent in the operation of the supplementary allowance and other similar restrictions”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr. Fraser addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry) moved, That the Business of the Day be called on.

Question—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Sir John McLeay, in the Chair)—

AYES, 59.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Fox	Mr. King	Mr. Townley
Mr. Allan	Mr. Davis	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Turner
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Dean	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Whittorn
Sir G. Barwick	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drury	Mr. Holt	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. England	Mr. Holten	Mr. McNeill	
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Howson	Mr. Nixon	
Mr. Bury	Mr. Failes	Mr. Jack	Mr. Opperman	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Chipp	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jess	Mr. Robertson	
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Snedden	
Mr. Cockle	Mr. Falkinder	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Stokes	Mr. Chaney
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Killen	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Turnbull

NOES, 55.

Mr. Armitage	Mr. Costa	Mr. Gray	Mr. McGuren	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Courtney	Mr. Hansen	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Uren
Mr. Beaton	Mr. Crean	Mr. Harding	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Cross	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Monaghan	Mr. Webb
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Hayden	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Daly	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Peters	
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Davies	Mr. James	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Clark	Mr. Einfeld	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Reynolds	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Clay	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Jones	Mr. Riordan	
Mr. Collard	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Russell	
Mr. Comber	Mr. Fulton	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Sexton	Mr. Coutts
Mr. Cope	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Makin	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Duthie

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

8. SUGAR AGREEMENT BILL 1962.—Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry) having amended, by leave, Notice of Motion No. 1, moved, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to approve an Agreement relating to Sugar, and certain Sugar Products, made between the Commonwealth and the State of Queensland, and for other purposes.
Question—put and passed.
9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 11 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 12, Government Business.
10. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 19).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

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

1. That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1933–1961, 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 eleventh day of April, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-two, Duties of Customs be collected accordingly.

2. That in these Proposals, “Customs Tariff Proposals” mean the Customs Tariff Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the following dates:—

22nd February, 1962;
7th March, 1962;
14th March, 1962;
28th March, 1962; and
4th April, 1962.

10th April, 1962.

THE SCHEDULE.
IMPORT DUTIES.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
DIVISION VI.—METALS AND MACHINERY.			
181. By omitting paragraph (2) of sub-item (H) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph:—			
“(2) Electrolytic, including multiple units—			
(a) Having a rating exceeding 100 volts			
per capacitor in the unit	..	7d.	7d.
or ad val.	22½ per cent.	57½ per cent.	57½ per cent.
whichever rate returns the higher duty			
and, in addition, except in respect of goods			
which were in direct transit to Australia on			
or before 6th March, 1962 and had not been			
entered for warehousing before 6th March,			
1962, a temporary duty of - - ad val.	17½ per cent.
(b) Other - - -per capacitor in the unit	22½ per cent.	3d.	3d.
or ad val.	22½ per cent.	57½ per cent.	57½ per cent.
whichever rate returns the higher duty			
and, in addition, except in respect of goods			
which were in direct transit to Australia on			
or before 6th March, 1962 and had not been			
entered for warehousing before 6th March,			
1962, a temporary duty of			
per capacitor in the unit	3d.	3d.	3d.”
By omitting paragraph (6) of sub-item (H) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph:—			
“(6) Other, including paper and ceramic—			
(a) Paper capacitors having a capacity of 2.0 micro-			
farads or higher - - - ad val.	22½ per cent.	50 per cent.	50 per cent.
and, in addition, except in respect of goods			
which were in direct transit to Australia on			
or before 6th March, 1962 and had not been			
entered for warehousing before 6th March,			
1962, a temporary duty of - - - each	1s. 6d.	1s. 6d.	1s. 6d.
(b) Ceramic - - - ad val.	22½ per cent.	50 per cent.	50 per cent.
and, in addition, except in respect of goods			
which were in direct transit to Australia on			
or before 6th March, 1962 and had not been			
entered for warehousing before 6th March,			
1962, a temporary duty of - - - per 100	7s. 6d.	7s. 6d.	7s. 6d.
(c) Plastic - - - ad val.	22½ per cent.	50 per cent.	50 per cent.
and, in addition, except in respect of goods			
which were in direct transit to Australia on			
or before 6th March, 1962 and had not been			
entered for warehousing before 6th March,			
1962, a temporary duty of - - - per 100	17s. 6d.	17s. 6d.	17s. 6d.
(d) Other - - - ad val.	22½ per cent.	50 per cent.	50 per cent.”

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

The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly.

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

11. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—

Tariff Board—Report of Deputy Chairman—Capacitors.

Ordered to be printed.

12. LOAN (INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT) BILL 1962.—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.

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

13. STATEMENT BY MEMBER.—Mr. Griffiths, by leave, made a Statement regarding his absence from a division which occurred earlier in the sitting.

14. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Sugar Enquiry Committee, 1960—Summary of Conclusions and Recommendations contained in the Report on the Australian Sugar Industry and the Australian Manufactured Fruits Industry—August, 1961.

10th April, 1962.

15. SUGAR AGREEMENT BILL 1962.—Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to leave given this day, brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to approve an Agreement relating to Sugar, and certain Sugar Products, made between the Commonwealth and the State of Queensland, and for other purposes* ”.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

16. WEST NEW GUINEA—NETHERLANDS-INDONESIAN DISPUTE—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. Swartz (Minister for Repatriation), That the Paper [*presented on the 15th March, 1962*], viz.:—

West New Guinea—Netherlands-Indonesian Dispute—Ministerial Statement, 15th March, 1962—be printed—

Debate resumed.

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

17. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Swartz (Minister for Repatriation) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Closure.—Mr. Swartz moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Sir John McLeay, in the Chair)—

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Mr. Allan	Mr. Davis	Mr. Fox	Mr. Killen	Mr. Stokes
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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

And then the House, at thirteen 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. Bird and Mr. McEwen*.

* On leave.

A. G. TURNER,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.