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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 36.

THURSDAY, 16TH AUGUST, 1962.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Sir John McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITIONS.—Mr. Kearney presented a Petition from certain electors of the Commonwealth praying that the Commonwealth Government will (1) adopt the proposal of the Leader of the Opposition for extending the existing nuclear free zone in Antarctica to the whole of the Southern Hemisphere, (2) assure the United Nations of Australia's willingness to enter into an agreement to keep Australia free of nuclear weapons or bases and (3) assist in securing the earliest possible agreement for a universal and permanent test ban treaty.
Petition received and read.
A similar Petition was presented by Mr. Johnson, and was received.
3. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were answered.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Railways Act—By-law No. 95.
Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Regulations—1962—No. 7 (Rural Workers Accommodation Ordinance).
5. FOREIGN AFFAIRS—JOINT COMMITTEE.—Sir Garfield Barwick (Minister for External Affairs) moved, by leave—
(1) That Mr. Fairbairn be discharged from attendance on the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs and that his place be filled by Mr. Haworth.
(2) That Mr. Bury be a member of the Committee in the place of Mr. Haworth.
(3) That the foregoing resolution be communicated to the Senate by Message.
Question—put and passed.
6. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—EXTENDED TIME FOR SPEECHES.—Sir Garfield Barwick (Minister for External Affairs) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) and Mr. Crean each speaking on the Budget without limitation of time.
Question—put and passed.
7. 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. 101.—
Senate—namely—

Salaries and allowances	£34,400
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be agreed to, and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Whitlam, viz.:—That the first item be reduced by £1.

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

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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.

8. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 36).—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* 1933–1962, 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 seventeenth day of August, 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:—

2nd May, 1962;
10th May, 1962;
15th May, 1962; and
8th August, 1962.

THE SCHEDULE.
IMPORT DUTIES.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
DIVISION VIII.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS, AND STONE.			
261. By omitting sub-item (b) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item:—			
“ (b) Abrasives, viz.:—Natural or artificial abrasive powder or grain, on a base of woven fabric, of paper, of paperboard or of other materials, whether or not cut to shape or sewn or otherwise made up—			
(1) On a base of metal—			
(a) When suitable for use solely or principally with non-mechanical hand tools - - - - ad val.	27½ per cent.	35 per cent.	47½ per cent.
(b) Other - - - - ad val.	17½ per cent.	32½ per cent.	35 per cent.
(2) Other - - - - ad val.	17½ per cent.	30 per cent.	30 per cent.”
DIVISION X.—WOOD, WICKER, AND CANE.			
305. By omitting sub-item (f) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item:—			
“ (f) Spring rollers for blinds—			
(1) Wooden rollers - - - - ad val.	Free	7½ per cent.	15 per cent.
(2) Other - - - - ad val.	27½ per cent.	47½ per cent.	55 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.

9. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth—

Tariff Board—Reports—

Abrasives.

Spring rollers for blinds.

Severally ordered to be printed.

Elections 1961—Statistical Returns showing the voting within each Subdivision in relation to the Senate Election and the General Elections for the House of Representatives, 1961, viz.:—

Queensland.

South Australia.

Tasmania.

Victoria.

Western Australia.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Customs Tariff—Orders—

Customs (British Preferential Tariff) No. 16.

Customs (Intermediate Tariff) Nos. 81, 82.

Customs Tariff (Primage Duties)—Orders—Customs Tariff (Primage Duties) Nos. 97, 98, 99.

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10. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—FOREIGN AFFAIRS—JOINT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 59.

The Senate transmits to the House of Representatives the following Resolutions which were agreed to by the Senate this day:—

- (1) That Senators Buttfield and Mattner be discharged from attendance on the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs.
- (2) That Senators Hannan and Vincent be members of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs.
- (3) That, until such time as the vacancies for Members of the Senate on the Committee are filled by Members of the Opposition, Senators Sir Walter Cooper and Laught be members of the Committee.

A. M. McMULLIN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 16th August, 1962.

11. SUPPLY—BUDGET DEBATE.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Mackinnon reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

12. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fairbairn (Minister for Air) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twelve minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Calwell, Mr. Cope and Mr. Townley.

A. G. TURNER,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.