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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 83.

THURSDAY, 9TH MAY, 1963.

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. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were answered.
 3. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for postal purposes—Thomastown, Victoria.
 4. DISABLED PERSONS HOMES BILL 1963.—Mr. A. D. Fraser moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to make available to Disabled Persons the Benefits provided for Aged Persons under the Aged Persons Homes Act.
Debate ensued.
It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 108, Mr. Robertson (Minister for Social Services) was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed, and the resumption of the debate was made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
 5. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—STATEMENT BY MEMBER.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) moved, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Mr. A. D. Fraser making a statement not exceeding fifteen minutes on the subject of homes for disabled persons.
Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority.
 6. HOMES FOR DISABLED PERSONS—STATEMENT BY MEMBER.—Mr. A. D. Fraser made a Statement on the subject of homes for disabled persons.
- The time allotted for precedence to General Business having expired, Government Business was called on.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Ordered—That Notice of Motion No. 1, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
 8. INSURANCE BILL 1963.—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.
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. Lucock reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Opperman (Minister for Shipping and Transport), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

9. COMMONWEALTH INSCRIBED STOCK BILL 1963.—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. Cairns), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

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10. **WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 75).**—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 tenth day of May, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-three, 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:—

15th November, 1962;
29th November, 1962;
6th December, 1962;
28th March, 1963;
10th April, 1963; and
17th April, 1963.

THE SCHEDULE.
IMPORT DUTIES.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
DIVISION IV.—AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND GROCERIES.			
43. By omitting paragraph (1) of sub-item (c) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph:— 1) Chicory roots, fresh or dried, whole or cut, unroasted per lb.	5d.	5d.	5d.”
DIVISION V.—TEXTILES, FELTS AND FURS, AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND ATTIRE.			
120. By omitting paragraph (1) of sub-item (b) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph:— “ (1) Handkerchiefs— (a) Of cotton, of linen or of cotton and linen— (1) Wholly or in part of machine-made lace or embroidered on the multiple needle embroidery machines finished off with machine-made scalloped edge, machine-made hems or other machine-made fancy finishing edges, containing no hand-made lace and not embroidered or tamboured in any part by hand ad val. 20 per cent. or { per dozen 37½ per cent. less ad val. 10 per cent. 2s. 2s. whichever rate returns the higher duty. ..			45 per cent. 2s. ..
(2) Other - - - - - ad val. or { per dozen 20 per cent. less ad val. 10 per cent. 2s. 2s. whichever rate returns the higher duty. ..		50 per cent. 2s. ..	60 per cent. 2s. ..
(b) Other, being textile goods - - - ad val.	25 per cent.	47½ per cent.	52½ 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. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Tariff Board—Reports—

Chicory.
Textile Handkerchiefs.

Severally ordered to be printed.

Agreement between Australia and the United States of America concerning the status of United States Forces in Australia, signed on the 9th May, 1963.

12. **UNITED STATES NAVAL COMMUNICATION STATION AGREEMENT BILL 1963.**—Sir Garfield Barwick (Minister for External Affairs) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to approve an Agreement between the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia and the Government of the United States of America relating to the establishment of a United States Naval Communication Station in Australia.

Question—put and passed.

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Bill brought up, and read a first time.

Sir Garfield Barwick moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Calwell—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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

9th May, 1963—*Message No. 120*—Australian National University 1963.

14. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Customs Tariff—Order—Customs (Intermediate Tariff) No. 112.
 Customs Tariff (Primage Duties)—Order—Customs Tariff (Primage Duties) No. 140.
 Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for defence purposes—North West Cape, Western Australia.
 Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance—1963—No. 8—Canberra Community Hospital.

15. COMMONWEALTH INSCRIBED STOCK BILL 1963.—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.

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. Lucock reported accordingly.

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

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

9th May, 1963—*Message*—

No. 121—Customs Tariff 1963.

No. 122—Customs Tariff (Canada Preference) 1963.

No. 123—Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) (No. 1) 1963.

17. ACTS INTERPRETATION, AUSTRALIAN ANTARCTIC TERRITORY, CHRISTMAS ISLAND, COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS, HEARD ISLAND AND McDONALD ISLANDS, AND SEAT OF GOVERNMENT (ADMINISTRATION) BILLS 1963.—

The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bills be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed.—Bills together read a second time.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Bills, as a whole, together—

Mr. Whitlam moved as an amendment that the following proposed sub-section, viz.:—

“ If an Ordinance or part of an Ordinance is disallowed, or is deemed to have been disallowed, under this section, and an Ordinance containing a provision being the same in substance as a provision so disallowed, or deemed to have been disallowed, is made within six months after the date of the disallowance, that provision is void and of no effect, unless—

(a) in the case of an Ordinance, or part of an Ordinance, disallowed by resolution—the resolution has been rescinded by the House of the Parliament by which it was passed; or

(b) in the case of an Ordinance, or part of an Ordinance, deemed to have been disallowed—the House of the Parliament in which notice of the resolution to disallow that Ordinance or part was given approves, by resolution, the making of a provision the same in substance as the provision deemed to have been disallowed.’”

be inserted in each of the Bills as follows:—

Acts Interpretation Bill, clause 4, page 3, at the end of the clause, as sub-section (5B.);

Australian Antarctic Territory Bill, clause 2, page 2, at the end of the clause, as sub-section (3B.);

Christmas Island Bill, clause 2, page 2, after sub-section (3A.) in paragraph (a), as sub-section (3B.);

Cocos (Keeling) Islands Bill, clause 2, page 2, after sub-section (3A.) in paragraph (a), as sub-section (3B.);

Heard Island and McDonald Islands Bill, clause 2, page 2, at the end of the clause, as sub-section (3B.), and

Seat of Government (Administration) Bill, clause 2, page 3, after sub-section (5A.) in paragraph (a), as sub-section (5B.).

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.

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18. ACTS INTERPRETATION, AUSTRALIAN ANTARCTIC TERRITORY, CHRISTMAS ISLAND, COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS, HEARD ISLAND AND McDONALD ISLANDS, AND SEAT OF GOVERNMENT (ADMINISTRATION) BILLS 1963.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bills.

(In the Committee.)

Bills, as a whole, together—
 Debate resumed on the amendment moved by Mr. Whitlam (*see* previous entry).
 Amendment withdrawn, by leave.
 Bills agreed to.
 Bills to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Brimblecombe reported accordingly.
 On the motion of Mr. Freeth (Minister for the Interior), the House adopted the Report, and the Bills were together read a third time.

19. AIR NAVIGATION BILL 1963.—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.
 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. Failes reported accordingly.
 On the motion of Mr. Fairbairn (Minister representing the Minister for Civil Aviation), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

20. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 6 to 19, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

21. ECONOMIC ENQUIRY—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 Sir Robert Menzies (Prime Minister), That the Paper [*presented on the 17th October, 1962*], viz.:—
 Economic Enquiry—Ministerial Statement, 17th October, 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.

22. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fairhall (Minister for Supply) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Several Members rising to address the House—
Closure.—Sir Garfield Barwick (Minister for External Affairs) moved, That the question be now put.
 Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.
 And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-four minutes past 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. Clark, Mr. Cramer, Mr. Hayden, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Sexton, Mr. Townley and Mr. Webb.

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