

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH

No. 145.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH MARCH, 1917.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.
2. **ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.**—The Clerk at the Table having informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, and read Prayers.
3. **ELECTORAL (WAR-TIME) BILL.**—Mr. Glynn, pursuant to leave given on the 9th instant, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to make certain further provision, for the duration of the War and six months thereafter, in relation to Parliamentary Elections,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.  
Ordered, by leave—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.
4. **PAPERS.**—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Arsenal—Proposed Federal—Memorandum *re* Establishment of, and Site for, &c.  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.  
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Audit Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1917, No. 45.  
Public Service Act—Promotions of C. B. Cantwell and H. A. Birrell, Department of Trade and Customs.
5. **ELECTORAL (WAR-TIME) BILL.**—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—  
Mr. Glynn moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Mr. Tudor moved, That the debate be now adjourned.  
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.  
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.
6. **CUSTOMS TARIFF VALIDATION BILL.**—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.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2—

Mr. Tudor moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the clause:—

and that Item 129 of the Tariff "*Hessians and Brattice Cloth; Jute Piece Goods; Book binders' Cloth; Bunting*" be free.

The Chairman ruled that it was not possible in the Customs Tariff Validation Bill to move an amendment on the Customs Tariff Proposals of 3rd December, 1914.

Mr. Tudor having handed in, in writing, an objection to the Ruling, moved, That the Ruling be dissented from.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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The Committee divided—

Ayes, 10.		Noes, 29.	
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Archibald	Mr. Orchard.
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Tudor	Mr. Boyd	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Hampson		Mr. Carr	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Hannan	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Corser	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Page	Mr. Dankel	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Watkins	Sir John Forrest	Mr. Bruce Smith
		Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Laird Smith
		Mr. Fowler	Mr. Stumm
		Mr. Glynn	Mr. John Thomson
		Mr. Gregory	Mr. Webster
		Mr. Groom	Mr. Wise
		Sir William Irvine	
		Mr. Jensen	
		Mr. W. Elliot Johnson	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Livingston	Mr. Greene
		Mr. Manifold	Mr. Rodgers

And so it was negatived.

Clause further debated, and agreed to.

Clause 3—

On the motion of Mr. Jensen the following amendments were made:—

Line 1, after "Customs" insert "demanded or".

Line 4, before "collected" insert "lawfully demanded or".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 4—

Debate ensued.

Mr. Tudor moved, as an amendment, That the following words be inserted after the word "Proposals" in line 5:—

In Item 129 in the column General Tariff the words "10 per cent." are struck out and the word "Free" is inserted.

The Chairman ruled that the proposed amendment was not in order.

Mr. Tudor having handed in, in writing, an objection to the Ruling, moved, That the Ruling be dissented from.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 11.		Noes, 27.	
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Archibald	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Tudor	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Hampson		Mr. Boyd	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Hannan		Mr. Carr	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Higgs	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Corser	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Page	Mr. Dankel	Mr. Bruce Smith
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Watkins	Sir John Forrest	Mr. Laird Smith
		Mr. Fowler	Mr. Stumm
		Mr. Glynn	Mr. Webster
		Mr. Groom	Mr. Wise
		Sir William Irvine	
		Mr. Jensen	
		Mr. W. Elliot Johnson	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Kelly	Mr. Greene
		Mr. Livingston	Mr. Rodgers

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

New Clause—

Mr. W. Maloney moved, That the following new clause be added to the Bill—

Notwithstanding anything contained in any Act, the Government of the day shall be empowered to correct any anomalies by regulation under the War Precautions Act, or by any other legal process to give Protection to our manufacturers.

Proposed new clause, after debate, ruled out of order.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly.

Mr. Jensen moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Mr. Jensen, after debate, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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7. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir John Forrest moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-three minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—General Abbott\*, Mr. Anstey, Mr. Brennan\*, Mr. Burchell, Mr. Burns, Mr. Catts, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Mahon, Mr. Mahony, Mr. McDonald, Mr. McGrath\*, Mr. Ozanne\*, Mr. Pigott, Mr. Riley, General Ryrie\*, Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Spence, Mr. West\*, and Mr. Yates.

On leave.

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WALTER A. GALE,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*