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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 183.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 1921.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. JOINT COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—REPORT.—Mr. Fowler, Chairman of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, brought up the following Second Progress Report from the Committee :—  
War Service Homes Commission (Tasmania).  
Ordered to be printed.
3. SUPPLY [BUDGET DEBATE].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

*(In the Committee.)*

ESTIMATES, 1921-22.

General debate resumed on the question (*see page 702 ante*), That the first Item in the Estimates under Division I.—The Parliament—namely—

The President ... .. £1,100

be agreed to, *and on the Amendment of Mr. Earle Page*, That the Item be reduced by 10s.

Question—That the Item proposed to be reduced be so reduced—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Mahony
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Makin
Mr. J. H. Catts	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Considine	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Riley
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Hill	Mr. West
Mr. Hunter	
Mr. Jowett	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lambert	Mr. Anstey
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Watkiss

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Mr. Atkinson	Sir Elliot Johnson
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Lamond
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Lister
Mr. Blundell	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marks
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Maxwell
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Corser	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Foley	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Watt
Mr. Francis	Mr. Wise
Mr. Greene	
Mr. Groom	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hay	Mr. Marr
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Story
Mr. Hughes	

And so it was negatived.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

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

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4. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—WHEAT CROP 1921-22.—Mr. Hughes, by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the guarantee proposed to be given by the Government in connexion with the sale price of the ensuing season's wheat crop.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That Order of the Day No. 2 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 3, Government Business.
6. CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL (1921)—SENATE'S REQUESTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendments requested by the Senate (*vide* page 713 *ante*)—  
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Requested Amendment No. 22—

Debate resumed on the motion of Mr. Greene, That the requested amendment be made with the following modification :—Make the sub-item read—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
(D) Knitted Undershirts, Undervests, Underpants and Combinations—on and after . . . 1921 ad val.	30 per cent.	40 per cent.	45 per cent.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Requested Amendment not made.

Requested Amendment No. 23 not made.

Requested Amendment No. 24 made.

Requested Amendment No. 25—

Mr. Greene moved, That the requested amendment be made with the following modifications :—

Instead of . . . . . " And on and after 1st November, 1921 "

Read . . . . . " And on and after 1st January, 1922 "

In sub-item (A)—After the word " Felt " insert a comma and the words " and Felt ".

In sub-item (B)—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
Instead of . . . . . " ad val.	30 per cent.	40 per cent.	45 per cent."
Read . . . . . " ad val.	25 per cent.	30 per cent.	40 per cent."

Debate ensued.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.

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

7. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determination by the Arbitrator, &amp;c.—No. 11 of 1921—In the matter of the Australian Telegraphists' Union.

New Guinea Act—Ordinance of 1921—No. 18—Petroleum Storage.

Seat of Government—Ordinance of 1921—No. 3—City Leases, and Regulations thereunder.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at six minutes to ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bruce\*, Mr. Burchell, Mr. Jackson\*, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Tudor\*, and Mr. Wienholt.

\* On leave.

WALTER A. GALE,  
Clerk of the House of Representatives.