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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 15TH SEPTEMBER, 1922.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. **JOINT COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—REPORT.**—Mr. Prowse, for the Chairman of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, brought up the following Report from the Committee:—
Sugar—Interim Report.
Ordered to be printed.
3. **ADDITIONAL DAY AND ALTERATION OF HOUR OF MEETING.**—Mr. Hughes moved, pursuant to notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, the House shall sit on each Tuesday at three o'clock p.m.; on each Wednesday and Thursday at half-past two o'clock p.m.; and on each Friday at eleven o'clock a.m.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
4. **LAND TAX BILL (1922) (No. 2).**—Mr. Bruce moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Land Tax Act 1910–1918*, and to repeal the *Land Tax Act 1918*, the *Land Tax Act 1919*, and the *Land Tax Act 1920*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Bruce brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
5. **POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.**—Ordered, after debate, That Order of the Day No. 1 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 2.
6. **WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS TARIFF (INDUSTRIES PRESERVATION)—ANTI-“DUMPING”].**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Rodgers moved, That—

(1) In ascertaining “a reasonable price” for the purposes of the imposition upon any goods of dumping below cost duty under section five of the *Customs Tariff (Industries Preservation) Act 1921* there shall be added to the cost of production of the goods and free on board charges, in lieu of five per centum of the cost of production of the goods, such addition, not exceeding twenty per centum of that cost, as is determined by the Tariff Board.

(2) In ascertaining “a reasonable selling price” for the purposes of the imposition on any goods of dumping consignment duty under section six of the *Customs Tariff (Industries Preservation) Act 1921*, there shall be added to the fair market value, freight, insurance, landing and other charges and duty payable under the Customs Tariff on the goods, in lieu of five per centum on the aggregate of all the items mentioned, such addition, not exceeding fifteen per centum on that aggregate, as is determined by the Tariff Board.

(3) In ascertaining a “reasonable selling price” for the purposes of the imposition on any goods of dumping consignment duty under section six of the *Customs Tariff (Industries Preservation) Act 1921* the Minister may, where, in his opinion, the evidence of fair market value is insufficient, in lieu of substituting for the fair market value the ascertained cost of production plus five per centum of such cost, substitute for the fair market value the ascertained cost of production plus such addition, not exceeding twenty per centum of such cost, as is determined by the Tariff Board.

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(4) Where the cost of production mentioned in the last preceding clause is not ascertainable, the Minister may, in lieu of substituting for the fair market value, the cost of production estimated from such information as is available plus five per centum of such estimated cost, substitute for the fair market value the cost of production estimated from such information as is available plus such addition, not exceeding twenty per centum of such estimated cost, as is determined by the Tariff Board.

(5) Notwithstanding anything contained in the *Customs Tariff (Industries Preservation) Act 1921*, when the currency of the country of origin or export of any goods dutiable under section eight of that Act depreciates to less than one-twelfth of its normal par value as compared with the pound sterling, the duty which shall be charged collected and paid under that section on the goods shall be such amount as represents the difference between—

(a) the landed cost in warehouse in Australia (including duty calculated in accordance with the provisions of the *Customs Act 1901-1920*) plus a percentage of profit to be determined by the Board, and

(b) the Australian wholesale price of similar goods of Australian manufacture.

(6) For the purposes of the last preceding clause the normal par value of the currency of any country shall be such as is determined by the Minister.

(7) Notwithstanding anything contained in the *Customs Act 1901-1920*, the value for duty under that Act of goods dutiable under clause (5) of this resolution shall be the value ascertained in accordance with the *Customs Act 1901-1920* plus the special duty imposed under that clause.

(8) Notwithstanding anything contained in the *Customs Act 1901-1920* or the *Customs Tariff 1921* the duty payable under the *Customs Tariff 1921* on goods dutiable under that Tariff otherwise than ad valorem which are dutiable also under clause (5) of this resolution shall be the duty calculated in accordance with that Act and Tariff plus twenty per centum of the duty so calculated.

(9) Nothing contained in the last two preceding clauses of this resolution shall affect the calculation, for the purposes of paragraph (a) of clause (5) of this resolution, of duty in accordance with the provisions of the *Customs Act 1901-1920*.

(10) Notwithstanding anything contained in the *Customs Act 1901-1920*, the value for duty under that Act of goods dutiable under section nine of the *Customs Tariff (Industries Preservation) Act 1921* shall be the value ascertained in accordance with the *Customs Act 1901-1920* plus the dumping preference duty imposed under section nine of the *Customs Tariff (Industries Preservation) Act 1921*.

(11) If the Minister is satisfied after inquiry and report by the Tariff Board, that the duty imposed by section eight of the *Customs Tariff (Industries Preservation) Act 1921* is likely to be evaded by the consignment of goods to Australia for sale, he may direct that there shall be payable on any goods specified by him, by notice published in the *Gazette*, which have been consigned to Australia for sale, a duty on an amount which will in his opinion assure that the goods will not be sold in Australia at less than a reasonable selling price as defined in section six of the *Customs Tariff (Industries Preservation) Act 1921* as proposed to be amended in pursuance of this resolution, and duty in that amount shall thereupon be charged collected and paid to the King for the purposes of the Commonwealth on such goods.

(12) In lieu of the provision in the *Customs Tariff (Industries Preservation) Act 1921* that the duty payable on any particular goods under sections four to seven inclusive of that Act shall not either severally or collectively exceed fifteen per centum of the value for duty of the goods as ascertained in accordance with Division 2 of Part XIII. of the *Customs Act 1901-1920*, there be substituted a provision that where duty has been imposed under section eight or section nine of the *Customs Tariff (Industries Preservation) Act 1921* upon any particular goods, duty shall not be imposed upon those goods under the other of those sections.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly.

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

7. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the intervening Orders of the Day be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 4.

8. SUPERANNUATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 20—

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Groom, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide Superannuation Benefits for Persons employed by the Commonwealth and to make provision for the families of those persons.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.

The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Groom, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Groom and Mr. Lamond do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Groom then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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9. ELECTORAL BILL (1922).—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.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2—

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

Line 12, after " whose " insert " real ".

„ omit " actually ".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 3—

On the motion of Mr. Groom, after debate, the following amendments were made :—

Line 14, omit " who notify " ; insert " each of whom notifies ".

Line 15, omit " they have " ; insert " he has ".

Line 16, omit " they desire " ; insert " he desires ".

Line 17, omit " their names " ; insert " his name ".

Clause, as amended, debated—

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

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

10. MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General's Deputy was received, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. H. IRVINE,

*Deputy of the Governor-General.**Message No. 21.*

A Bill intituled " *Supply Act (No. 3) 1922-23*," as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented for the Royal Assent, the Deputy of the Governor-General has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Melbourne, 15th September, 1922.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—MEAT EXPORT BOUNTIES BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General's Deputy was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. H. IRVINE,

*Deputy of the Governor-General.**Message No. 22.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Deputy of the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of amendments to be made upon Requests by the Senate, in a Bill for an Act to provide for the payment of Bounties on the Export of Beef and Cattle from the Commonwealth.

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Ordered—That the foregoing Message be considered in Committee of the whole House forthwith.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Rodgers—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of amendments to be made upon Requests by the Senate, in a Bill for an Act to provide for the payment of Bounties on the Export of Beef and Cattle from the Commonwealth.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.

The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Rodgers, was adopted by the House.

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12. MEAT EXPORT BOUNTIES BILL.—SENATE'S REQUESTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendments requested by the Senate—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendments requested by the Senate, which are as follow :—

SCHEDULE OF REQUESTS BY THE SENATE FOR AMENDMENTS.

No. 1.—Page 2, clause 4, after paragraph (a) insert the following new paragraph :—

“(aa) the export, on or before the thirty-first day of March, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, from the Commonwealth to a prescribed port, of standard beef, other than canned beef as prescribed, slaughtered on or after the fifth day of April, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-two, which is placed in cool store on or before the thirty-first day of October, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-two ;”

No. 2.—Page 3, clause 8, at end of clause add :—

“Provided that no refund shall be required under this section of bounty in respect of standard beef, other than canned beef as prescribed, exported to a prescribed port after the thirty-first day of December, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-two and on or before the thirty-first day of March, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three.”

On the motion of Mr. Rodgers, after debate, the Requested Amendments were made. Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Rodgers the House adopted the Report.

Ordered—That the Bill, amended accordingly, be returned to the Senate.

13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Greene moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at one minute to four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bayley, Mr. Bell, Mr. Blundell, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Donald Cameron, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Fenton, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Foley, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Gabb, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Hay, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Lavelle*, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Makin, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Poynton, and Mr. West.

* On leave.

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