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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 209.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER, 1902.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—Sir William Lyne presented, by command of His Excellency the Acting Governor-General—
Australian Foodstuffs and Horses for the use of the Admiralty and the War Office—Further
Correspondence in continuation of that presented to the House, on 23rd January, 1902.
Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Kingston presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
Customs Act 1901—Regulations dated 28th August, 1902.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—ROYAL COMMISSIONS BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 52.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to Royal Commissions*," to which it has agreed without amendment.

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 4th September, 1902.

4. CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL—SENATE'S MESSAGE No. 51.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Senate's Message No. 51 (*see pages 521-4 ante*) in regard to this Bill having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Chanter reported that the Committee had agreed to certain resolutions, which were read, and are as follow:—

The Committee has amended its amendment in regard to Senate Request No. 38.

The Committee has made the amendment requested by Senate Request No. 37.

The Committee has, with modifications, now made the amendments requested by Senate Requests Nos. 36, 39, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 58, 59, and 66, such modifications being—

No. 36. Item to read—Socks and Stockings, Cotton, ad val. 10 %.

Socks and Stockings, Woollen, or containing Wool,
ad val. 15 % on and after 4th September, 1902.

Nos. 39, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 58, 59. Duty fixed at $12\frac{1}{2}$ % instead of 10 %, as requested.

No. 66. Duty, as regards Solar and Residual Oil, fixed at $\frac{1}{4}$ d. per gallon, instead of duty free, as requested.

The Committee adheres to its modification in regard to Senate Request No. 9.

The Committee has not made the amendments referred to in Senate Requests Nos. 4, 7, 8, 14, 15, 16, 20, 25, 26, 29, 30, 67, 86, and 90.

The Committee recommends that the date from which the amendments now made come into effect shall be 4th September, 1902.

Mr. Kingston moved, That the Committee's Report be adopted, and that the Bill be returned to the Senate accordingly.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Deakin moved, That the resolution passed by the House yesterday, prior to considering the Senate's Message No. 51, be incorporated in the Message returning the Bill to the Senate.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4th September, 1902.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—POST AND TELEGRAPH RATES BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 53.

The Senate has agreed to the amendments made by the House of Representatives in the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Postal and Telegraph Rates.*"

R. C. BAKER,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 4th September, 1902.

6. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at three minutes to six o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present except—The Prime Minister* (the Right Honorable Sir Edmund Barton, P.C., G.C.M.G.), the Minister of Defence* (the Right Honorable Sir John Forrest, P.C., G.C.M.G.), the Right Honorable Sir Edward Braddon, P.C., K.C.M.G., Messrs. Cameron, Chapman,* Cruickshank,* Fisher,* A. C. Groom, Harper,* Kirwan, Knox,* Page, the Right Honorable G. H. Reid, P.C., Messrs. Bruce Smith, and Spence.

* On leave.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.