

1926-27.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

No. 141.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 13TH DECEMBER, 1927.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Sir Littleton Groom) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Third Annual Report of the Federal Capital Commission, for the year ended 30th June, 1927.
Ordered to be printed.
3. WAR SERVICE HOMES AGREEMENT 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.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Clause 1 debated and agreed to.
Clause 2 debated and agreed to.
Clauses 3 and 4 agreed to.
Clause 5 debated and agreed to.
Clause 6 agreed to.
Clause 7 debated and agreed to.
Schedule agreed to.
Title agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Hill (Minister for Works and Railways), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having been previously suspended, see page 472) the Bill was read a third time.

4. WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS AND EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In the Committee.*)

[See proposed Resolution for Customs and Excise Tariff Amendment (pages 422 to 432), which includes items in the proposed Customs Tariff Resolutions of the 11th August, 1926 (page 275), the 23rd March, 1927 (page 331), and the 28th September, 1927 (page 358).

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Item numbered 41, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
41. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :—			
“ 41. (A) Butter and Cheese - - - per lb.	6d.	6½d.	7d.
(B) Butter substitutes as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - per lb.	6d.	6½d.	7d.”

Debate ensued.

Mr. William Watson moved, That the Item be amended by adding the following to sub-item (A) :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“ And on and after 14th December, 1927 - per lb.	3d.	3d.	3d.”

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 8.

Mr. Duncan-Hughes
Mr. R. W. Foster
Sir John Gellibrand
Mr. Gregory
Mr. Maxwell
Mr. William Watson

Tellers :

Mr. Mann
Mr. Prowse

Noes, 55.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Manning
Mr. Bell	Mr. Marks
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Marr
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Nott
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Parsons
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Corser	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Forde	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Grosvenor Francis	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Theodore
Mr. Hill	Mr. Thompson
Sir Neville Howse	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Hughes	Mr. West
Mr. Hurry	Mr. Yates
Mr. Jackson	
Mr. Killen	
Mr. Latham	
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Lister	Mr. Hunter

Tellers :

And so it was negatived.

Item agreed to.

Item numbered 43 debated and agreed to.

Item numbered 58 postponed.

Item numbered 83—

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

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

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5. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

[*War Service Homes Agreement Bill*]

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 109.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to approve an agreement made between His Majesty's Government of the Commonwealth of Australia and the Commissioners of the State Savings Bank of Victoria and for other purposes*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 13th December, 1927.

JOHN NEWLANDS,
President.

[*Maternity Allowance Bill (1927)*]

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 110.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the ' Maternity Allowance Act 1912-1926 '*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 13th December, 1927.

JOHN NEWLANDS,
President.

6. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until eleven o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

Question—put and passed.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at five minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Anstey, Mr. Bowden*, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Ley*, Mr. Makin, Mr. W. Maloney, and Mr. Nelson.

*On leave.

E. W. PARKES,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.