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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 138.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH MAY, 1931.

1. **The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Norman J. O. Makin) took the Chair, and offered Prayers.**
2. **PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS—REPORT.—Mr. Lacey, Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, brought up the following Report from the Committee :—**
Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed establishment of Telephonic Communication between the Mainland (Victoria) and Tasmania.
3. **PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—**
Tariff Board—Reports and Recommendations—
Brass, Muntz and Yellow Metal Rods, Bars and Extruded Sections; Copper Sheets, Circles, Segments, Rods and Bars.
Buttons, Buckles, Clasps and Slides of Erinoid, Celluloid, Galalith or any casein material.
Denims, Drills, Jeans, Dungarees and Cloths in the grey; Deferred Duty on other Cotton piece goods.
Edible Fats; Classification of Bakkerol.
Galvanized Iron.
Macaroni and Vermicelli.
Marzipan, Almond Paste, Almond Meal and Almonds in the shell.
Sewing Machines.
Soap, Soap Substitutes and Compound Detergents.
Table Salt.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
4. **WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 9) AND EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 9)].—**
The House, according to order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

[See proposed Resolutions for Customs and Excise Tariff Amendment of the 26th March, 1931 (pages 508-569).]

General debate resumed on the first Item of the Customs Tariff.

General debate concluded.

Item numbered 1 agreed to.

Item numbered 3, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff
3. By omitting the whole of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(A) Brandy— (1) When not exceeding the strength of proof— (a) If bottled in the Commonwealth under Customs supervision subject to such conditions as to the bottling and as to the strength of the spirits as are prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - per gallon (b) If not bottled in the Commonwealth under Customs supervision - - - per gallon * * * * *	 45s. 50s. *	 45s. 50s. *	 46s. 51s. *

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Mr. Nairn moved, That the Item be amended by adding the following :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
—			
“ And on and after 7th May, 1931			
(A) Brandy—			
(1). When not exceeding the strength of proof per gallon	45s.	45s.	46s.”

Debate ensued.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Yates reported accordingly.

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

5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SOLAR OBSERVATORY FUND BILL (1931).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 115.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Solar Observatory Fund Act 1930’*,” and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

WALTER KINGSMILL,

President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 6th May, 1931.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—NORTHERN TERRITORY (ADMINISTRATION) BILL (1930).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 116.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Northern Territory (Administration) Act 1910-1926’*, to repeal the ‘ *Northern Australia Act 1926’*, and for other purposes ”.

The Senate has considered Message No. 134 of the House of Representatives and the Report of the Conference on the Amendments made by the Senate and disagreed to by the House, and acquaints the House that the Senate still insists on its Amendments Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, disagreed to by the House.

WALTER KINGSMILL,

President.

The Senate,

Canberra, 6th May, 1931.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Forde (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bell, Mr. Culley, Mr. Frost, Mr. Guy, Mr. Hughes, Mr. James, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Lyons, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Marks, Mr. Mathews, and Mr. Theodore.

E. W. PARKES,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.