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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA, CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 18.

TUESDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER, 1937.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. CORONATION OF KING GEORGE VI.—ADDRESS OF CONGRATULATION—REPLY.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received the following reply to the Address of Congratulation presented to His Majesty on the occasion of His Coronation :—

Buckingham Palace,

Members of the Senate and of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia :

I have received with much gratification your message on the occasion of my Coronation.

I value greatly the loyal assurances which it contains, and, on behalf of The Queen and myself, I wish to thank you sincerely for your congratulations and good wishes.

We join with you in earnestly hoping that the British Commonwealth may be vouchsafed the blessings of peace and prosperity during my reign.

GEORGE R.I.

16th July, 1937.

3. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were received, and were read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 17.*

Proposed Laws intituled :—

“ *Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act 1937* ”“ *Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act 1937* ”

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Laws.

Government House,

Canberra, 2nd September, 1937.

GOWRIE,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 18.*

Proposed Laws intituled :—

“ *States' Grants Act 1937* ”“ *War Pensions Appropriation Act 1937* ”

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Laws.

Government House,

Canberra, 3rd September, 1937.

4. DAIRY PRODUCE EXPORT CHARGES BILL (1937).—Mr. Thorby (Assistant Minister for Commerce), pursuant to leave given on the 26th August, brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Dairy Produce Export Charges Act 1924–1929 ’, and for other purposes* ”, 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. WINE GRAPES CHARGES BILL (1937).—Mr. Thorby (Assistant Minister for Commerce), pursuant to leave given on the 26th August, brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Wine Grapes Charges Acts 1929 ’* ”, 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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6. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at—
 Darwin, Northern Territory—For Gaol purposes.
 Liverpool, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.
Passports Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1937, No. 93.
Public Service Act—Appointment of H. D. Lodewyckx, Postmaster-General's Department.
7. SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1937–38.—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.
Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.
8. 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.
9. WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 2), CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADIAN PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (No. 1)].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved—

CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 2).

That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1933–1936 as proposed to be amended by the Customs Tariff Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the twenty-fourth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven, be further amended as hereunder set out, and that on and after the eighth day of September, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Territory for the Seat of Government, Duties of Customs be collected in pursuance of the *Customs Tariff* 1933–1936 as so amended.

By omitting the whole of Prefatory Note (12) and inserting in its stead the following Prefatory Note :—

- “(12) (a) Mechanical driving units and apparatus for transmitting power from such driving units to the driven units, when incorporated in or forming part of machines, machinery or machine tools, shall not, unless the Tariff specifically so directs, be dutiable under the Tariff Item applicable to the machines, machinery or machine tools in which they are incorporated or of which they form a part, but shall be dutiable under the Tariff Item or Tariff Items applicable respectively to similar mechanical driving units and to similar apparatus for transmitting power from such driving units to the driven units, when not incorporated in or forming part of machines, machinery or machine tools.
- (b) Nothing in the last preceding paragraph shall apply to mechanical driving units or to apparatus for transmitting power from such driving units to the driven units, when incorporated in or forming part of machines, machinery or machine tools to which the Minister directs, by notice published in the *Gazette*, that it shall not apply.
- (c) For the purposes of the last two preceding paragraphs, the expression “mechanical driving units” means any apparatus or appliance producing motive power and operated by means of steam, oil, electricity, petrol, air, water, alcohol or any other liquid or gas, and includes all devices for regulating starting or controlling such mechanical driving units, whether such devices be incorporated in or form part of the mechanical driving units or the driven units.”.

IMPORT DUTIES.

Tariff Item.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.

DIVISION VI.—METALS AND MACHINERY.

136. By adding the following to sub-item (v) :— “Provided further that the rate of duty payable on iron and steel plate and sheet dutiable under this sub-item and entered for home consumption on and after 8th September, 1937, and on or before 31st August 1938, shall be . . . ad val. . . and per ton . . . with maximum of per ton	10 per cent. .. 28s.	15 per cent. 20s. ..	27½ per cent. 20s. .. ”
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CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADIAN PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (No. 1).

That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1934-1936* be amended as hereunder set out, and that on and after the eighth day of September, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Territory for the Seat of Government, Duties of Customs be collected in pursuance of the *Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1934-1936* as so amended.

Tariff Item.	Tariff on goods the produce or manufacture of Canada.
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DIVISION V.—TEXTILES, FELTS AND FURS, AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND ATTIRE.

By adding a new paragraph as follows :—

“ Ex 110 (A) Apparel, other than knitted, viz. :—

(5) Costumes, Dresses or Robes, but not including Dresses or Robes for infants in arms, or such articles when not exceeding 22 inches in length, viz. :—

(a) Cotton, linen, or other material n.e.i.	each	6s.
(b) Wool or containing wool	each	12s. 6d.
(c) Silk or containing silk but not containing wool	each	10s.
and in addition to the rates specified in paragraph (5)	ad val.	37½ per cent.
And for each £1 by which the equivalent in Australian currency of £100 sterling is less than £125 at the date of exportation—		
An additional duty of	ad val.	.7 per cent.
or, as to all the goods covered by paragraph (5), the following rate if same returns a higher duty, viz. :—	ad val.	60 per cent.
And for each £1 by which the equivalent in Australian currency of £100 sterling is less than £125 at the date of exportation—		
An additional duty of	ad val.	.6 per cent.”

DIVISION VI.—METALS AND MACHINERY.

By adding a new paragraph as follows :—

“ Ex 178. Motive Power Machinery and Appliances (except Electric), viz. :—

(u) (2) Piston Rings for internal combustion engines - ad val. 55 per cent.
or each 2½d.

whichever rate returns the higher duty.

And in respect of paragraph (2)—

For each £1 by which the equivalent in Australian currency of £100 sterling is less than £125 at the date of exportation—

An additional duty of - ad val. 1 per cent.
or each .025d.

whichever is applicable.”

By adding a new sub-item as follows :—

“ Ex 180. Electrical and Gas Appliances, viz. :—

(u) Sparking plugs whether imported separately or incorporated in or forming part of any goods covered by items 177 (u) (3) (a) and 359 (v) - each 1s.
or ad val. 50 per cent.

whichever rate returns the higher duty.

And in respect of sub-item (u)—

For each £1 by which the equivalent in Australian currency of £100 sterling is less than £125 at the date of exportation—

An additional duty of - each .08d.
or ad val. .6 per cent.

whichever is applicable.”

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

The House resumed ; Mr. E. F. Harrison reported accordingly.

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

10. SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1937-38.—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.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

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

Declaration of Bill as Urgent Bill.—Mr. Casey (Treasurer) having declared that the Bill was an Urgent Bill—

Question—That the Bill be considered an Urgent Bill—put.

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The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Bell, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 27.		Noes, 12.	
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Baker	Mr. Martens
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. William Riordan
Mr. Casey	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Brennan	Mr. D. O. Watkins
Mr. Fadden	Sir Archdale Parkhill	Mr. Clark	
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Forde	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Frost	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield	Mr. Makin	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Street		
Mr. Holt	Mr. Thorby		
Mr. Hunter	Mr. White		
Mr. Hutchinson			
Mr. Jennings			
Mr. John Lawson	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Sir Charles Marr	Mr. Gardner		
Mr. McBride	Mr. Thompson		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Allotment of Time.—Mr. Casey then moved, That the time allotted in connexion with the Bill be as follows :—

(a) For the Committee stage, ten minutes.

(b) For the remaining stages, five minutes.

Debate ensued.

The time allowed by Standing Order No. 257B for the discussion of the motion having expired—

Question—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Bell, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 27.		Noes, 14.	
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Baker	Mr. Makin
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Martens
Mr. Casey	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Brennan	Mr. William Riordan
Mr. Fadden	Sir Archdale Parkhill	Mr. Clark	Mr. D. O. Watkins
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Drakeford	
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Forde	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield	Mr. Frost	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Street	Mr. Holloway	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Holt	Mr. Thorby		
Mr. Hunter	Mr. White		
Mr. Hutchinson			
Mr. Jennings			
Mr. John Lawson	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Sir Charles Marr	Mr. Gardner		
Mr. McBride	Mr. Thompson		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1—

Sir Charles Marr addressing the Committee—

Closure of Member moved.—Mr. Rosevear moved, That the honorable Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Prowse, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 12.		Noes, 25.	
Mr. Baker	Mr. Makin	Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Martens	Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Brennan	Mr. William Riordan	Mr. Casey	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Clark		Mr. Fadden	Sir Archdale Parkhill
Mr. Drakeford	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Forde	Mr. George Lawson	Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Frost	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Street
		Mr. Holt	Mr. Thorby
		Mr. Hunter	Mr. White
		Mr. Hutchinson	
		Mr. Jennings	
		Mr. John Lawson	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Sir Charles Marr	Mr. Gardner
		Mr. McBride	Mr. Thompson

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

Limitation of Debate.—At fifteen minutes to three o'clock a.m., the Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the consideration of the Committee stage of the Bill had expired—

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Question—That the Bill be agreed to and that the Bill be reported without amendment—put.
The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Prowse, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 26.

Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McBride
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Casey	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Sir Archdale Parkhill
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Street
Mr. Holt	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Hunter	Mr. White
Mr. Hutchinson	
Mr. Jennings	
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Gardner
Sir Charles Marr	Mr. Thompson

Tellers:

Noes, 13.

Mr. Baker	Mr. Martens
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. William Riordan
Mr. Brennan	Mr. D. O. Watkins
Mr. Clark	
Mr. Drakeford	
Mr. Forde	
Mr. Frost	
Mr. Makin	

Tellers:

Mr. George Lawson
Mr. Rosevear

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Mr. Casey moved, That the Report be adopted.

Mr. Casey proceeding to address the House—

Closure of Member moved.—Mr. Clark moved, That the honorable Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Bell, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 13.

Mr. Baker	Mr. Makin
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Martens
Mr. Brennan	Mr. William Riordan
Mr. Clark	
Mr. Drakeford	
Mr. Forde	
Mr. Frost	
Mr. Hawker	

Tellers:

Mr. George Lawson
Mr. Rosevear

Noes, 26.

Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McEwen
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Casey	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Fadden	Sir Archdale Parkhill
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Prowse
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Holt	Mr. Street
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. White
Mr. Jennings	
Mr. John Lawson	
Sir Charles Marr	
Mr. McBride	

Tellers:

Mr. Gardner
Mr. Thompson

And so it was negatived.

Limitation of Debate.—At three minutes to three o'clock a.m., Mr. Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted for the remaining stages of the Bill had expired—

Question—That the Report be adopted—put and passed.

Further question—That the Bill be now read a third time—put and passed.—Bill read a third time.

11. ADJOURNMENT—COUNT-OUT.—Mr. Earle Page (Minister for Commerce) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Mr. John Lawson called the attention of Mr. Speaker to the fact that a quorum of Members was not present.

The Bells having been rung, and a quorum not having been obtained within the prescribed time, Mr. Speaker thereupon, at five minutes past three o'clock in the morning, adjourned the House until this day at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Barnard, Mr. Blain, Mr. Fiskin, Mr. Josiah Francis, Mr. Albert Green, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. McCall, Mr. McClelland, Mr. Scully, and Sir Frederick Stewart.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.