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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 38.

WEDNESDAY, 21ST SEPTEMBER, 1938.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., according to the terms of the Resolution of the 30th June last.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MESSAGES FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth were received, and were read by Mr. Speaker :—

HUNTINGFIELD,

*Administrator.**Message No. 27.*

A Proposed Law intituled "*Supply Act (No. 1) 1938-39*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Law.

Government House,
Canberra, 1st July, 1938.

HUNTINGFIELD,

*Administrator.**Message No. 28.*

Proposed Laws intituled :—

"*Ashmore and Cartier Islands Acceptance Act 1938*"
" *Seat of Government Acceptance Act 1938*"
" *Empire Air Service (England to Australia) Act 1938*"

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

Government House,
Canberra, 1st July, 1938.

HUNTINGFIELD,

*Administrator.**Message No. 29.*

A Proposed Law intituled "*Geneva Convention Act 1938*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Law.

Government House,
Canberra, 4th July, 1938.

HUNTINGFIELD,

*Administrator.**Message No. 30.*

Proposed Laws intituled :—

" *Passports Act 1938*"
" *New Guinea Loan Guarantee Act 1938*"
" *Census and Statistics Act 1938*"
" *Dairy Produce Export Control Act 1938*"
" *Meat Export Control Act 1938*"
" *Canned Fruits Export Charges Act 1938*"
" *Dried Fruits Export Control Act 1938*"
" *Citrus Fruits Bounty Act 1938*"
" *Income Tax Collection Act 1938*"
" *Excise Tariff 1938*"

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

Government House,
Canberra, 5th July, 1938.

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HUNTINGFIELD,

*Administrator.**Message No. 31.*

Proposed Laws intituled :—

“ *National Health and Pensions Insurance Act 1938* ”“ *National Health and Pensions Insurance (Employers' Contributions) Act 1938* ”“ *National Health and Pensions Insurance (Employees' Contributions) Act 1938* ”

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

Government House,
Canberra, 5th July, 1938.

HUNTINGFIELD,

*Administrator.**Message No. 32.*

A Proposed Law intituled “ *Canned Fruits Export Control Act 1938* ” as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Law.

Government House,
Canberra, 6th July, 1938.

3. THE LATE HONORABLE J. BARNES.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received from Mrs. Barnes a letter thanking the House for its Resolution of sympathy.
4. RETURN OF GOVERNOR-GENERAL—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) informed the House that His Excellency the Governor-General (Lord Gowrie) would return to Australia on the 24th September, and would assume the administration of the Government of the Commonwealth on that day.
5. INTERNATIONAL SITUATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the International Situation. Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a Statement in regard to the matter.
6. PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) informed the House that the honorable Member for Corangamite (Mr. Street) had been appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence, and that the honorable Member for Macquarie (Mr. John Lawson) had been appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer.
7. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Bank Act—Balance-sheets of Commonwealth Bank and Commonwealth Savings Bank and Statement of the Liabilities and Assets of the Note Issue Department, as at 30th June, 1938; together with Auditor-General's Reports thereon.

The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Administrator—
Wheat—Conference of Commonwealth and State Ministers—Canberra, 29th August, 1938—
Report of Proceedings.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Advances to Settlers Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1938, No. 84.

Air Force Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1938, No. 77.

Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act—

Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1938, Nos. 71, 73.

War Pensions Entitlement Appeal Tribunals—Reports for year 1937-38.

Canned Fruits Export Control Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1938, No. 67.

Citrus Fruits Bounty Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1938, No. 87.

Commonwealth Grants Commission Act—Report of the Commonwealth Grants Commission on applications made by the States of South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania, for Financial Assistance in 1938-39 from the Commonwealth under Section 96 of the Constitution.

Commonwealth Public Service Act—

Appointments—Department—

Attorney-General—H. G. Bond, T. K. Hogan, K. B. Petersson.

Commerce—L. T. Maplestone.

Health—A. C. McKay.

Parliamentary Reporting Staff—R. L. Hume.

Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1938, Nos. 69 (Parliamentary Officers), 79.

Customs Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1938, Nos. 72, 85.

Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1938, Nos. 75, 76, 80, 82, 89, 90, 93.

Defence Act and Naval Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1938, No. 92.

Defence Act, Naval Defence Act and Air Force Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1938, No. 81.

Iron and Steel Products Bounty Act—Return for year 1937-38.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at—

Birkenhead, South Australia—For Defence purposes.

Goulburn, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.

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Maylands, Western Australia—For Defence purposes.
 Merredin, Western Australia—For Postal purposes.
 Oaks Estate, Australian Capital Territory—In connexion with the Establishment of the Seat of Government.
 Parafield, South Australia—For Defence purposes.
 Pendle Hill, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.
 Port Wakefield, South Australia—For Defence purposes.
 South Arm, Tasmania—For Defence purposes.
 Western Junction, Tasmania—For Defence purposes.
 Meat Export Charges Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1938, No. 83.
 Naval Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1938, Nos. 66, 70, 91.
 Navigation Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1938, No. 78.
 Norfolk Island Act—
 Ordinance of 1938—No. 3—Advisory Council.
 Regulations Amended, &c., under—
 Education Ordinance.
 Exportation of Fruit Ordinance.
 Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—
 Ordinances of 1938—
 No. 10—Defamation.
 No. 11—Compensation (Fatal Injuries).
 No. 12—Police and Police Offences.
 No. 13—Control of Waters.
 Regulations under—
 Alice Springs Administration Ordinance (2).
 Pharmacy Ordinance.
 Papua Act—
 Infirm and Destitute Natives' Account—Statement of Transactions of Trustees for year 1937-38.
 Ordinance of 1938—No. 2—Supplementary Appropriation (No. 1), 1937-1938.
 Papua and New Guinea Bounties Acts—Returns for year 1937-38.
 Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1938, No. 63.
 Post and Telegraph Act and Wireless Telegraphy Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1938, No. 62.
 Raw Cotton Bounty Act—Return for year 1937-38.
 Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—
 Ordinances of 1938—
 No. 24—Walter Oswald Watt Memorial Fund.
 No. 25—Seat of Government (Designation).
 Regulations Amended under—
 Building and Services Ordinance (2).
 Canberra University College Ordinance.
 Hospital Tax Ordinance.
 Sulphur Bounty Act—Return for year 1937-38.
 Transport Workers Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1938, No. 74.
 War Service Homes Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1938, No. 64.
 Wine Export Bounty Act—Return for year 1937-38.
 Wine Overseas Marketing Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1938, No. 68.

8. MESSAGES FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR.—ESTIMATES 1938-39.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth were presented, and were read by Mr. Speaker:—

HUNTINGFIELD,
Administrator.

Message No. 33.

In accordance with the requirements of Section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia transmits to the House of Representatives Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Canberra, 19th September, 1938.

HUNTINGFIELD,
Administrator.

Message No. 34.

In accordance with the requirements of Section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia transmits to the House of Representatives Estimates of Expenditure for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

Canberra, 19th September, 1938.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, to be printed and referred to the Committee of Supply forthwith.

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9. SUPPLY [BUDGET STATEMENT].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. Casey (Treasurer) delivered the Budget Speech and then moved, That the first item in the Estimates, under Division 1.—The Senate—namely—

Salaries and allowances .. . £8,210

be agreed to.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

10. PAPER.—Mr. Casey (Treasurer) presented, by command of His Excellency the Administrator—
The Budget, 1938-39—Papers presented by the Honorable R. G. Casey, M.P., for the information of honorable Members on the occasion of the Budget of 1938-39.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

11. SUPPLY RESOLUTION—SUPPLY BILL.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1938-39.

Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved, That there be granted to His Majesty for or towards defraying the services of the year 1938-39 a sum not exceeding £5,349,050.

Question—put and passed.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

12. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.
Question—put and passed.

13. SUPPLY RESOLUTION.—The Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Casey (Treasurer), was adopted by the House.

14. WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In the Committee.*)

SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1938-39.

Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year 1938-39, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding £5,349,050.

Question—put and passed.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee. The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Casey, was adopted by the House.

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

15. SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1938-39.—Mr. Casey (Treasurer) then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine*”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Casey moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) 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 the next sitting.

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16. WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 3), EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 3)].—
The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

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

CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 3).

That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1933-1938 as proposed to be amended by the Customs Tariff Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the fourth day of May, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-eight, be further amended as hereunder set out, and that on and after the twenty-second day of September, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-eight, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Australian Capital Territory, Duties of Customs be collected in pursuance of the *Customs Tariff* 1933-1938 as so amended.

IMPORT DUTIES.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.

DIVISION II.—TOBACCO AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF.

19. By omitting the whole of paragraph (1) of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph:—

“(1) For the manufacture of tobacco in which only imported tobacco leaf is used; for the manufacture of tobacco containing less than 13 per cent. by weight of stemmed Australian-grown tobacco leaf (or its equivalent in terms of unstemmed tobacco leaf) to the total stemmed tobacco leaf (or its equivalent in terms of unstemmed tobacco leaf) used—

(a) Unstemmed per lb.
(b) Stemmed, or partly stemmed, or in strips per lb.

And in respect of paragraph (1)—

On and after 1st October, 1938

(1) For the manufacture of tobacco in which only imported tobacco leaf is used; for the manufacture of tobacco containing less than 15 per cent. by weight of stemmed Australian-grown tobacco leaf (or its equivalent in terms of unstemmed tobacco leaf) to the total stemmed tobacco leaf (or its equivalent in terms of unstemmed tobacco leaf) used—

(a) Unstemmed per lb.
(b) Stemmed, or partly stemmed, or in strips per lb.

By omitting the whole of paragraph (1) of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph:—

“(1) For the manufacture of cigarettes in which only imported tobacco leaf is used; for the manufacture of cigarettes containing less than 2½ per cent. by weight of stemmed Australian-grown tobacco leaf (or its equivalent in terms of unstemmed tobacco leaf) to the total stemmed tobacco leaf (or its equivalent in terms of unstemmed tobacco leaf) used—

(a) Unstemmed per lb.
(b) Stemmed, or partly stemmed, or in strips per lb.

And in respect of paragraph (1)—

On and after 1st October, 1938

(1) For the manufacture of cigarettes in which only imported tobacco leaf is used; for the manufacture of cigarettes containing less than 3 per cent. by weight of stemmed Australian-grown tobacco leaf (or its equivalent in terms of unstemmed tobacco leaf) to the total stemmed tobacco leaf (or its equivalent in terms of unstemmed tobacco leaf) used—

(a) Unstemmed per lb.
(b) Stemmed, or partly stemmed, or in strips per lb.

20. By omitting the whole of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item:—

“(A) The manufacture of the United Kingdom, containing not less than 13 per cent. by weight of stemmed Australian-grown tobacco leaf (or its equivalent in terms of unstemmed tobacco leaf) to the total stemmed tobacco leaf (or its equivalent in terms of unstemmed tobacco leaf) used in the manufacture of such tobacco per lb.

	5s.	5s.	5s.
	5s. 6d.	5s. 6d.	5s. 6d.
	5s.	5s.	5s.
	5s. 6d.	5s. 6d.	5s. 6d.”
	6s. 7d.	6s. 7d.	6s. 7d.
	7s. 1d.	7s. 1d.	7s. 1d.
	6s. 7d.	6s. 7d.	6s. 7d.
	7s. 1d.	7s. 1d.	7s. 1d.”
	9s. 3d.	..	..

IMPORT DUTIES—continued.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
Division II.—Tobacco and Manufactures thereof—continued.			
20—continued. And in respect of sub-item (A)— On and after 1st January, 1939 (A) The manufacture of the United Kingdom, containing not less than 15 per cent. by weight of stemmed Australian-grown tobacco leaf (or its equivalent in terms of unstemmed tobacco leaf) to the total stemmed tobacco leaf (or its equivalent in terms of unstemmed tobacco leaf) used in the manufacture of such tobacco per lb.	9s. 3d.	...	...
21. By omitting the whole of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “ (A) The manufacture of the United Kingdom, containing not less than 13 per cent. by weight of stemmed Australian-grown tobacco leaf (or its equivalent in terms of unstemmed tobacco leaf) to the total stemmed tobacco leaf (or its equivalent in terms of unstemmed tobacco leaf) used in the manufacture of such tobacco per lb.	9s.	...	...
And in respect of sub-item (A)— On and after 1st January, 1939 (A) The manufacture of the United Kingdom, containing not less than 15 per cent. by weight of stemmed Australian-grown tobacco leaf (or its equivalent in terms of unstemmed tobacco leaf) to the total stemmed tobacco leaf (or its equivalent in terms of unstemmed tobacco leaf) used in the manufacture of such tobacco per lb.	9s.	...	...
22. By omitting the whole of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “ (A) The manufacture of the United Kingdom, containing not less than 2½ per cent. by weight of stemmed Australian-grown tobacco leaf (or its equivalent in terms of unstemmed tobacco leaf) to the total stemmed tobacco leaf (or its equivalent in terms of unstemmed tobacco leaf) used in the manufacture of such cigarettes or fine cut tobacco per lb.	16s.	...	...
And in respect of sub-item (A)— On and after 1st January, 1939 (A) The manufacture of the United Kingdom, containing not less than 3 per cent. by weight of stemmed Australian-grown tobacco leaf (or its equivalent in terms of unstemmed tobacco leaf) to the total stemmed tobacco leaf (or its equivalent in terms of unstemmed tobacco leaf) used in the manufacture of such cigarettes or fine cut tobacco per lb.	16s.	...	...

EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 3).

That the Schedule to the *Excise Tariff* 1921–1938 as proposed to be amended by the Excise Tariff Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the fourth day of May, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-eight, be further amended as hereunder set out, and that on and after the twenty-second day of September, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-eight, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Australian Capital Territory, Duties of Excise be collected in pursuance of the *Excise Tariff* 1921–1938 as so amended.

EXCISE DUTIES.

Articles.	Rate of Duty.
6. By omitting the whole of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “ (A)*Tobacco, hand-made strand :— (1) In the manufacture of which all the tobacco leaf used is Australian-grown per lb. (2) Otherwise per lb. * <small>HAND-MADE TOBACCO.—“ Hand-made Tobacco ” shall mean tobacco in the manufacture of which all operations are entirely carried on by hand without the aid of machine tools or machinery other than that used in the pressing of the tobacco.”</small>	4s. 3d. 4s. 11d.
By omitting the whole of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “ (B) Tobacco, manufactured, n.e.i. :— (1) In the manufacture of which all the tobacco leaf used is Australian-grown per lb. (2) Otherwise per lb.	4s. 6d. 5s. 2d.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (D) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “ (D) Tobacco, in the manufacture of which all the tobacco leaf used is Australian-grown, for consumption by Australian aborigines, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws per lb.	3s. 10d.”

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

17. WAYS AND MEANS—SALES TAX.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved the following motions :—

(1) That in lieu of the rate of tax imposed by the *Sales Tax Act (No. 1)* 1930–1936 there be imposed sales tax at the rate of five per centum upon the sale value of goods manufactured in Australia by a taxpayer and on or after the twenty-second day of September, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-eight sold by him or treated by him as stock for sale by retail or applied to his own use.

(2) That in lieu of the rate of tax imposed by the *Sales Tax Act (No. 2)* 1930–1936 there be imposed sales tax at the rate of five per centum upon the sale value of goods manufactured in Australia and sold on or after the twenty-second day of September, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-eight by a taxpayer who purchased them from the manufacturer.

(3) That in lieu of the rate of tax imposed by the *Sales Tax Act (No. 3)* 1930–1936 there be imposed sales tax at the rate of five per centum upon the sale value of goods manufactured in Australia and sold on or after the twenty-second day of September, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-eight by a taxpayer, not being either the manufacturer of those goods or a purchaser of those goods from the manufacturer.

(4) That in lieu of the rate of tax imposed by the *Sales Tax Act (No. 4)* 1930–1936 there be imposed sales tax at the rate of five per centum upon the sale value of goods manufactured in Australia and sold to a taxpayer who has, on or after the twenty-second day of September, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-eight, applied those goods to his own use.

(5) That in lieu of the rate of tax imposed by the *Sales Tax Act (No. 5)* 1930–1936 there be imposed sales tax at the rate of five per centum upon the sale value of goods imported into Australia by a taxpayer on or after the twenty-second day of September, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-eight.

(6) That in lieu of the rate of tax imposed by the *Sales Tax Act (No. 6)* 1930–1936 there be imposed sales tax at the rate of five per centum upon the sale value of goods imported into Australia by a taxpayer and, on or after the twenty-second day of September, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-eight, sold by him or applied by him to his own use.

(7) That in lieu of the rate of tax imposed by the *Sales Tax Act (No. 7)* 1930–1936 there be imposed sales tax at the rate of five per centum upon the sale value of goods imported into Australia and sold on or after the twenty-second day of September, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-eight by a taxpayer not being the importer of the goods.

(8) That in lieu of the rate of tax imposed by the *Sales Tax Act (No. 8)* 1930–1936 there be imposed sales tax at the rate of five per centum upon the sale value of goods imported into Australia and sold to a taxpayer who has, on or after the twenty-second day of September, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-eight, applied those goods to his own use.

(9) That in lieu of the rate of tax imposed by the *Sales Tax Act (No. 9)* 1930–1936 there be imposed sales tax at the rate of five per centum upon the sale value of goods in Australia, including goods which have gone into use or consumption in Australia, leased by a taxpayer to a lessee on or after the twenty-second day of September, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-eight.

Debate ensued.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

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

Question—put and passed.

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

Question—put and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Badman, Mr. Blain, Mr. Clark, Mr. Francis, Mr. Frost, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Price, and Mr. Spender.

F. C. GREEN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.