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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 2.

THURSDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER, 1940.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable W. M. Nairn) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. AFFIRMATION BY MEMBER.—The Honorable Archie Galbraith Cameron made and subscribed the Affirmation required by law.
3. H.M.A.S. *Goorangai*—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Hughes (Minister for the Navy), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the loss yesterday of the minesweeper H.M.A.S. *Goorangai* after a collision with a merchant ship in Port Phillip Bay.
4. R.A.A.F. IN MIDDLE EAST—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Air), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the successful result in the Middle East of the first air battle of the war in which a Royal Australian Air Force unit took part.
5. 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, 1940 ; together with Auditor-General's Reports thereon.
The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
National Security Act—National Security (Prices) Regulations—Declarations Nos. 36-46.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1940, Nos. 165, 220, 241.
Apple and Pear Organization Act—Second Annual Report of the Australian Apple and Pear Board, for year 1939-40, together with Statement by Minister regarding operation of Act.
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1940—
No. 23—Australian Journalists' Association.
No. 24—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.
No. 25—Commonwealth Temporary Clerks' Association.
No. 26—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.
No. 27—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
Australian Imperial Force Canteens Funds Act—Twentieth Annual Report by the Trustees, for year 1939-40 (including the Sir Samuel McCaughey and P. S. Watson Bequests).
Bankruptcy Act—Rules—Statutory Rules 1940, No. 212.

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- Canned Fruits Export Control Act—Fourteenth Annual Report of the Australian Canned Fruits Board, for year 1939–40, together with Statement by Minister regarding operation of Act.
- Census and Statistics Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1940, No. 179.
- Commonwealth Bank Act—Treasurer's Statement of combined accounts of Commonwealth Bank and Commonwealth Savings Bank at 30th June, 1940, together with certificate of the Auditor-General.
- Commonwealth Electoral Act and Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1940, No. 163.
- Commonwealth Electoral (War-time) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1940, No. 178.
- 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 1940–41 from the Commonwealth under Section 96 of the Constitution.
- Commonwealth Public Service Act—
Appointments of G. N. Carey, C. L. Hancock, T. B. Payne, Department of the Interior.
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1940, No. 247.
- Commonwealth Shipping Act—Commonwealth Shipping Board—Cockatoo Island Dockyard—
Balance-sheet and Liquidation Account, 29th February, 1940, with Auditor-General's report.
- Customs Act—
Proclamations prohibiting the Exportation (except under certain conditions) of—
Bran and Pollard (dated 31st October, 1940).
Chronometers and Chronometer watches (dated 23rd October, 1940).
Cut Rabbit Fur (dated 20th September, 1940).
Flax and flax products (dated 10th September, 1940).
Matches and Vestas (dated 20th September, 1940).
Wireless Transmitting Apparatus and parts thereof (dated 23rd October, 1940).
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1940, Nos. 168, 203, 210.
- Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1940, Nos. 216, 226.
- Dairy Produce Export Charges Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1940, No. 180.
- Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1940, Nos. 183, 184, 185, 186, 199, 204, 211, 237.
- Defence Act and Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1940, Nos. 209, 225.
- Dried Fruits Export Control Act—Sixteenth Annual Report of the Dried Fruits Control Board, for year 1939–40, together with Statement by Minister regarding operation of Act.
- Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act—Statement for year 1939–40.
- Judiciary Act—Rule of Court, dated 28th October, 1940.
- Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired—
For Administrative purposes—Darwin, Northern Territory.
For Defence purposes—
Albany, Western Australia.
Cheltenham, South Australia.
Dysart, Victoria.
Elizabeth Bay, New South Wales.
Leongatha, Victoria.
Longreach, Queensland.
Mount Martha, Victoria.
North Fremantle, Western Australia.
Point Cook, Victoria.
Puckapunyal, Victoria.
Richmond, New South Wales.
Rosemount, Queensland.
Salisbury, South Australia.
Seymour, Victoria (2).
Victoria Park, Western Australia.
For Postal purposes—
Carlton, Victoria.
Caulfield East, Victoria.
Clyde, Victoria.
Coburg, Victoria.
Geelong, Victoria.
Granville, New South Wales.
Konong Wootong, Victoria.
Port Kembla, New South Wales.
Red Hill South, Victoria.
Swan Marsh, Victoria.
Unley, South Australia.
Watson's Bay, New South Wales.
Willoughby, New South Wales.

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- Meat Export Control Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1940, No. 205.
- National Security Act—
- National Security (Aliens Control) Regulations—Orders—
 - Aliens Employment.
 - Enemy Aliens' Communications.
 - National Security (Capital Issues) Regulations—Orders—
 - Declared pastoral companies.
 - Exemption (3).
 - National Security (General) Regulations—Orders—
 - Control of Overseas Postal Communications (No. 1).
 - Control of Overseas Postal Communications (Prisoners of War).
 - Control of Wireless Receiving Apparatus.
 - Post and Telegraph Censorship.
 - Prohibited places (2).
 - Taking possession of land, &c. (43).
 - Use of land (15).
 - National Security (Prices) Regulations—Orders Nos. 140–267.
 - National Security (War Service Moratorium) Regulations—Order—Form of notice requiring information.
 - Regulations—Statutory Rules 1940, Nos. 166, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 187, 188, 191, 192, 193, 194, 200, 201, 202, 206, 207, 208, 213, 214, 215, 218, 219, 221, 222, 223, 227, 228, 233, 234, 235, 236, 239, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246.
- Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1940, Nos. 182, 195, 196, 197, 217, 240.
- Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1940, No. 238.
- Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—
- Ordinances of 1940—
 - No. 12—Licensing.
 - No. 13—Lottery and Gaming.
 - No. 14—Native Administration.
 - No. 15—Mining.
 - No. 16—Darwin Administration.
 - No. 17—Slaughtering.
 - No. 18—Darwin Rates (No. 2).
 - No. 19—Criminal Law Amendment.
 - No. 20—Interpretation.
 - Regulations—1940—
 - No. 9 (Mining Ordinance).
 - No. 10 (Health Ordinance).
 - Nos. 11, 12 (Aboriginals Ordinance).
- Northern Territory Representation Act and Commonwealth Electoral Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1940, No. 167.
- Papua Act—
- Ordinances of 1940—
 - No. 5—Papuan Antiquities.
 - No. 6—Postal Rates (Defence Forces) (No. 2).
 - No. 7—Supplementary Appropriation, 1939–1940.
 - No. 8—Royal Papuan Constabulary.
 - No. 9—Port Moresby Water Supply (Preliminary Works).
 - No. 10—Liquor.
 - No. 11—Appropriation, 1940–1941.
 - No. 12—Ordinance Interpretation.
 - Regulations—Statutory Rules 1940, No. 231.
- Patents Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1940, No. 198.
- Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1940, Nos. 230, 232.
- Science and Industry Endowment Act—Report by the Auditor-General on the accounts of the Science and Industry Endowment Fund for year 1939–40.
- Science and Industry Research Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1940, No. 224.
- Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Notice of variation of plan of lay-out of City of Canberra and its environs, dated 9th September, 1940.
- Transport Workers Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1940, Nos. 189, 190.
- Wine Overseas Marketing Act—Twelfth Annual Report of the Australian Wine Board, for year 1939–40, together with Statement by Minister regarding operation of Act.
- Wireless Telegraphy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1940, No. 181.

6. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES.—Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That the honorable Member for Forrest (Mr. Prowse) be appointed Chairman of Committees of this House, which motion was seconded by Mr. Anthony.

Question—put and passed.

7. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—Mr. Beck brought up the Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech, prepared by the Committee appointed at the previous sitting, and the same was read by the Clerk, as follows :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament.

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Mr. Beck moved, That the Address be agreed to.

Mr. Abbott seconded the motion.

Mr. Evatt 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.

8. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.**—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent, before the Address in Reply is adopted, the appointment of the Committees of Supply and Ways and Means, the consideration of Governor-General's Messages transmitting Estimates, and the introduction of the Budget, and resolutions and Bills consequent thereon.

Question—put and passed.

9. **SUPPLY.**—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That the House will, at a later hour this day, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

Question—put and passed.

10. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That the House will, at a later hour this day, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

Question—put and passed.

11. **TIME OF NEXT MEETING.**—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

Question—put and passed.

12. **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ESTIMATES 1940-41.**—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and were read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 1.

In accordance with the requirements of Section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General 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 forty-one, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

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GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 2.

In accordance with the requirements of Section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General 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 forty-one, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue Fund accordingly.

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

13. **SUPPLY—BUDGET STATEMENT.**—The Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—

Question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) delivered the Budget Speech and then moved, That the first item in the Estimates, under Division No. 1.—The Senate—namely—

Salaries and allowances	£8,176
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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.

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14. PAPER.—Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
The Budget, 1940–41—Papers presented by the Honorable A. W. Fadden, M.P., for the information of honorable Members on the occasion of the Budget of 1940–41.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
15. SALES TAX (EXEMPTIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS) BILL 1940.—Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Sales Tax Exemptions Act* 1935–1939, as amended by the *Sales Tax Exemptions Act* 1940.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Fadden then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. Fadden moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Forde 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.
16. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 1), CUSTOMS TARIFF (SPECIAL WAR DUTY), CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (NO. 1), AND EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 1).—The Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Ways and Means—
Question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and passed.
Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

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

CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 1).

That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1933-1939 be amended as hereinafter set out, and that, on and after the twenty-second day of November, One thousand nine hundred and forty, 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* 1933-1939 as so amended.

IMPORT DUTIES.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff
DIVISION I.—ALE, SPIRITS, AND BEVERAGES.			
1. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :—			
" 1. Ale and other beer, porter, cider and perry, spirituous :—			
(A) In containers not exceeding one gallon*			
per gallon	4s.	7s. 3d.	7s. 3d.
(B) Otherwise	3s. 6d.	5s. 9d.	5s. 9d.
* Six reputed quarts or twelve reputed pints or twenty-four reputed half-pints to be charged as one gallon."			
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			
per gallon	47s.	48s.	53s.
(2) When exceeding the strength of proof			
per proof gallon	47s.	48s.	53s."
By omitting the whole of paragraph (2) of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :—			
" (2) Other—			
(a) When not exceeding the strength of proof			
per gallon	53s.	56s.	56s.
(b) When exceeding the strength of proof			
per proof gallon	53s.	56s.	56s."
By omitting the whole of sub-item (c) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
" (c) Gin, distilled wholly from barley malt, grain, grape wine or fruit, and certified in the prescribed form by the competent Government official in the country of production to be gin distilled wholly from barley malt, grain, grape wine or fruit—			
(1) When not exceeding the strength of proof			
per gallon	53s.	55s.	55s.
(2) When exceeding the strength of proof			
per proof gallon	53s.	55s.	55s."

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Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
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Division I.—Ale, Spirits, and Beverages—*continued*.3—*continued*.

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

“(d) Rum, pure, distilled wholly from sugar, sugar syrup, molasses, or the refuse of sugar cane, by a pot-still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 45 per cent. over proof and certified in the prescribed form by the competent Government official in the country of production to be pure rum distilled wholly from sugar, sugar syrup, molasses, or the refuse of sugar cane, under the conditions specified—

(1) When not exceeding the strength of proof per gallon

49s.

54s.

54s.

(2) When exceeding the strength of proof per proof gallon

49s.

54s.

54s.”

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

“(e) Blended rum, distilled wholly from sugar, sugar syrup, molasses, or the refuse of sugar cane, containing not less than 25 per cent. of pure spirit which has been separately distilled from sugar, sugar syrup, molasses, or the refuse of sugar cane, by a pot-still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 45 per cent. over proof and certified in the prescribed form by the competent Government official in the country of production to be rum distilled wholly from sugar, sugar syrup, molasses, or the refuse of sugar cane, under the conditions specified and so blended—

(1) When not exceeding the strength of proof per gallon

50s.

55s.

55s.

(2) When exceeding the strength of proof per proof gallon

50s.

55s.

55s.”

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

“(g) Bitters—

(1) When not exceeding the strength of proof per gallon

52s.

57s.

57s.

(2) When exceeding the strength of proof per proof gallon

52s.

57s.

57s.”

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

“(h) Liqueurs—

(1) When not exceeding the strength of proof per gallon

41s.

43s.

54s.

(2) When exceeding the strength of proof per proof gallon

41s.

43s.

54s.”

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

“(i) Other—

(1) When not exceeding the strength of proof per gallon

60s.

60s.

60s.

(2) When exceeding the strength of proof per proof gallon

60s.

60s.

60s.”

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Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
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DIVISION II.—TOBACCO AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF.

18. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :—

“ 18. Tobacco, unmanufactured, n.e.i. - per lb. 12s. 12s. 12s.”

19. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :—

“ 19. (A) Tobacco, unmanufactured, entered to be locally manufactured into tobacco other than fine cut tobacco suitable for the manufacture of cigarettes—to be paid at the time of removal to the factory—

(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.

(2) Otherwise—

(a) Unstemmed - per lb.

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

(B) Tobacco, unmanufactured, entered to be locally manufactured into cigarettes or into fine cut tobacco suitable for the manufacture of cigarettes—to be paid at the time of removal to the factory—

(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.

(2) Otherwise—

(a) Unstemmed - per lb.

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

6s. 6d.

6s. 6d.

6s. 6d.

7s.

7s.

7s.

5s.

5s.

5s.

5s. 6d.

5s. 6d.

5s. 6d.

8s. 7d.

8s. 7d.

8s. 7d.

9s. 1d.

9s. 1d.

9s. 1d.

7s. 2d.

7s. 2d.

7s. 2d.

7s. 8d.

7s. 8d.

7s. 8d.”

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

Division II.—Tobacco and Manufactures thereof—*continued*.

20. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “ 20. Tobacco, cut, n.e.i.— (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. (B) Other - - - - per lb.	11s. 11d. 13s. 2d.	14s. 2d.	14s. 2d.”
21. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “ 21. Tobacco, manufactured, n.e.i., including the weight of tags, labels and other attachments— (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. (B) Other - - - - per lb.	11s. 8d. 12s. 11d.	13s. 11d.	13s. 11d.”
22. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “ 22. Cigarettes, including weight of cards and mouth-pieces contained in inside packages; fine cut tobacco suitable for the manufacture of cigarettes— (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. (B) Other - - - - per lb.	20s. 21s. 4d.	23s. 4d.	23s. 4d.”
23. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “ 23. Tobacco, unmanufactured, entered to be locally manufactured into cigars—to be paid at the time of removal to the factory— (A) Unstemmed - - - - per lb. (B) Stemmed, or partly stemmed, or in strips per lb.	2s. 6d. 3s.	3s. 3s. 6d.	3s. 3s. 6d.”

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Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
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DIVISION IV.—AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND GROCERIES.

44. By adding a new sub-item (c) as follows :—			
“ (c) Chewing gum and chewing gum confectionery per lb. or ad val.			
	3½d.	4d.	5d.
whichever rate returns the higher duty.	45 per cent.	65 per cent.	75 per cent.
And in respect of sub-item (c)—			
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 - per lb.	.04d.	.04d.	.04d.
or ad val.	.4 per cent.	.4 per cent.	.4 per cent.
whichever is applicable.”			
53. By omitting the whole of sub-item (B) (twice occurring) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“ (B) Dates - - - - - per lb.	4d.	4d.	4d.”
73. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :—			
“ 73. Matches and Vestas of all kinds :—			
(A) (1) Wax, in boxes containing 50 vestas or less per gross of boxes	1s. 10d.	2s. 10d.	2s. 10d.
(2) Wood, in boxes containing 70 matches or less - - - per gross of boxes	2s. 7d.	3s. 6d.	3s. 6d.
(B) (1) Wax, in boxes containing over 50, but not exceeding 100 vestas per gross of boxes	3s. 8d.	5s. 8d.	5s. 8d.
(2) Wood, in boxes containing over 70, but not exceeding 140 matches per gross of boxes	5s. 2d.	7s. 4d.	7s. 4d.
(C) (1) Wax, for each additional 50 vestas or portion of 50 vestas per box, an additional duty per gross of boxes	1s. 10d.	2s. 10d.	2s. 10d.
(2) Wood, for each additional 70 matches or portion of 70 matches per box, an additional duty per gross of boxes	2s. 7d.	3s. 6d.	3s. 6d.
(D) N.E.I. - per 1,000 matches or vestas	4d.	5½d.	5½d.
(E) When put up in boxes or in other form for retail sale, unless the number of matches or vestas contained in each box or other retail unit is printed or stamped thereon, in addition to the duties set out in (A), (B), (C), (D) above			
per gross of boxes	2s.	2s.	2s.
or per 1,000 matches or vestas	3d.	3d.	3d.
whichever rate is applicable.”			

DIVISION VII.—OILS, PAINTS, AND VARNISHES.

229. By omitting the whole of sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (4) of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following sub-paragraph :—			
“(b) Having a recoverable petrol content* exceeding 70 per cent. - - - per gallon	11d.	11d.	11d.”
By omitting the whole of paragraph (5) of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :—			
“(5) Once-run distillate from crude petroleum n.e.i. - - - per gallon	11d.	11d.	11d.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (c) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“(c) Petroleum and shale products, viz. :— Naphtha, benzine, benzoline, gasoline, pentane, petrol and any other petroleum or shale spirit - - - per gallon	11d.	11d.	11d.”
By omitting the whole of paragraph (2) of sub-item (D) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :—			
“(2) N.E.I. - - - per gallon	11d.	11d.	11d.”

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

DIVISION VIII.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS, AND STONE.

254. By omitting the whole of sub-item (c) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(c) Gum copal, gum damar, sticklac and seedlac; balata, gutta percha and jelutong, n.e.i. ad val. By adding a new sub-item (D) as follows :— “(D) Chicle and other gums and gum mixtures, for use in the manufacture of chewing gum and chewing gum confectionery - - - per lb. and ad val.	Free	15 per cent.	15 per cent.”
	9d. ..	9d. 15 per cent.	9d. 15 per cent.”

DIVISION IX.—DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.

266. By omitting the whole of sub-items (A) and (B) and inserting in their stead the following sub-items :— “(A) Benzol - - - per gallon (B) Naphtha - - - per gallon	9d. 9d.	1s. 1s.	1s. 1s.”
277. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “277. Carbonic acid gas - - - per lb.	1s. 2d.	1s. 3d.	1s. 3d.”

DIVISION XI.—JEWELLERY AND FANCY GOODS.

318. By omitting the whole of sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (4) of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-paragraph :— “(a) Wristlet watches n.e.i. and cases therefor, viz. :— (1) Nickel-plated, nickel alloy, chromium-plated, and steel - - - ad val. each or { 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 each whichever rate returns the higher duty. And an additional duty on the value of the movement of any watch entered under this clause of - - - ad val. (2) Other - - - each or ad val. whichever rate returns the higher duty. And an additional duty on the value of the movement of any watch entered under this clause of - - - ad val. By omitting the whole of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(B) (1) Clock movements - - - ad val. (2) Watch movements of the type ordinarily used in the manufacture of wristlet watches ad val. (3) Watch movements n.e.i.— (a) For use in the manufacture of watches not being wristlet watches, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws ad val. (b) Other - - - ad val.	10 per cent. 1s. 9d. 12d. 20 per cent. 3s. 6d. 10 per cent. 20 per cent. 10 per cent. Free 10 per cent.	30 per cent. 2s. 9d. 12d. 50 per cent. 7s. 6d. 30 per cent. 50 per cent. 30 per cent. 15 per cent. 30 per cent.	30 per cent. 2s. 10½d. 12d. 50 per cent. 7s. 6d. 30 per cent. 50 per cent. 30 per cent. 15 per cent. 30 per cent.”
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IMPORT DUTIES—*continued.*

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

Division XI.—Jewellery and Fancy Goods—continued.

320. By omitting the whole of sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (1) of sub-item (c) and inserting in its stead the following sub-paragraph :—			
“ (b) Otherwise—			
(1) Up to and including 16 millimetres in width			
per lineal foot	½d.	½d.	½d.
(2) Over 16 millimetres in width	1d.	1d.	1d.
per lineal foot			

DIVISION XIII.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.

334. By omitting the whole of sub-item (x) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“(x) Cigarette tubes, paper and papers—			
For each 60 cigarette tubes - - -	2d.	2d.	2d.
For each 60 cigarette papers or the equivalent of 60 cigarette papers - - -	2d.	2d.	2d.”

CUSTOMS TARIFF (SPECIAL WAR DUTY).

That, in addition to the Duties of Customs collected otherwise than in accordance with the Act passed to give effect to this resolution, there be imposed on and after the twenty-second day of November, One thousand nine hundred and forty, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Australian Capital Territory, on all goods (other than goods covered by Items 18, 19, 23 and 229 (c) in the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1933-1939) entered for home consumption on or after that date, a special war duty of Customs at the rate of ten per centum of the amount of the Duties of Customs so collected on such goods.

CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (No. 1).

That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) 1933-1934* be amended as hereinafter set out and that, on and after the twenty-second day of November, One thousand nine hundred and forty, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Australian Capital Territory, Duties of Customs be collected in accordance with the *Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) 1933-1934* as so amended.

Consecutive No.	Tariff Item.	Tariff rates on goods the produce or manufacture of New Zealand.
By inserting, after the particulars specified opposite Consecutive No. 5, the following :— “ 5A	44 (c) Chewing gum and chewing gum confectionery - - per lb. or ad val. whichever rate returns the higher duty.”	3½d. 45 per cent.

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EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 1).

1. That the Schedule to the *Excise Tariff* 1921-1939 be amended as hereinafter set out, and that, on and after the twenty-second day of November, One thousand nine hundred and forty, Duties of Excise be collected in pursuance of the *Excise Tariff* 1921-1939 as so amended.

2. That, where any goods hereinafter specified—

(a) were manufactured or produced in Australia before that date ; and

(b) were, on that date, subject to the control of the Customs or to Excise supervision, or in the stock, custody or possession of, or belonged to, any distiller or manufacturer thereof,

and duties of Excise were paid thereon before that date, additional duties of Excise be collected thereon equal to the amount (if any) by which the duties of Excise so paid are less than the duties of Excise which would be payable thereon if the duties of Excise had not been so paid.

EXCISE DUTIES.

Articles.	Rate of Duty.
1. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “ 1. Beer— (A) Ale, porter, and other beer, containing not less than 2 per cent. of proof spirit per gallon (B) Any other fermented liquors n.e.i. containing not less than 2 per cent. of proof spirit which may by Proclamation be declared dutiable under this item per gallon	2s. 9d. 2s. 9d.”
2. By omitting the whole of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “ (A) Brandy, distilled wholly from wine, the fermented juice of fresh grapes, by a pot-still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 40 per cent. over proof, matured by storage in wood for a period of not less than two years and certified by an officer to be pure brandy per proof gallon	38s.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “ (B) Blended Brandy, distilled wholly from wine, the fermented juice of fresh grapes, and containing not less than 25 per cent. of pure spirit (which has been separately distilled from wine, the fermented juice of fresh grapes, by a pot-still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 40 per cent. over proof), the whole being matured by storage in wood for a period of not less than two years, and certified by an officer to be brandy so blended and matured per proof gallon	38s.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (C) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “ (C) Apple Brandy, distilled wholly from apple cider and Brandies distilled from other approved fruit juices by a pot-still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 40 per cent. over proof, matured by storage in wood for a period of not less than two years, and certified by an officer to be pure apple or pure fruit brandy per proof gallon	38s.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (D) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “ (D) Whisky, distilled wholly from barley malt by a pot-still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 45 per cent. over proof, matured by storage in wood for a period of not less than two years, and certified by an officer to be pure malt whisky per proof gallon	39s.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (E) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “ (E) (1) Australian Blended Whisky, distilled partly from barley malt and partly from other grain, containing not less than 25 per cent. of pure barley malt spirit (which has been separately distilled by a pot-still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 45 per cent. over proof), the whole being matured by storage in wood for a period of not less than two years, and certified by an officer to be whisky so blended and matured per proof gallon	39s.

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EXCISE DUTIES—continued.

Articles.	Rate of Duty.
2—continued. (E)—continued.	
(2) Blended Whisky, n.e.i., distilled partly from barley malt and partly from other grain, containing not less than 25 per cent. of pure barley malt spirit (which has been separately distilled by a pot-still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 45 per cent. over proof), provided that the blended whisky contains not less than 15 per cent. of Australian pure barley malt spirit and contains not more than 20 per cent. of spirit upon which import duty has been paid, the whole being matured by storage in wood for a period of not less than two years, and certified by an officer to be whisky so blended and matured	per proof gallon 39s."
By omitting the whole of sub-item (F) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—	
"(F) Rum, distilled wholly from sugar, sugar syrup, molasses, or the refuse of sugar cane, by a pot-still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 45 per cent. over proof, matured by storage in wood for a period of not less than two years, and certified by an officer to be pure rum	per proof gallon 41s."
By omitting the whole of sub-item (G) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—	
"(G) Blended Rum, distilled wholly from sugar, sugar syrup, molasses, or the refuse of sugar cane, containing not less than 25 per cent. of pure spirit (which has been separately distilled from sugar, sugar syrup, molasses, or the refuse of sugar cane, by a pot-still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 45 per cent. over proof), the whole being matured by storage in wood for a period of not less than two years and certified by an officer to be rum so blended and matured	per proof gallon 42s."
By omitting the whole of sub-item (H) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—	
"(H) Gin, distilled from barley malt, grain, grape wine, apples, or other approved fruit and certified by an officer to be pure gin	per proof gallon 41s."
By omitting the whole of sub-item (I) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—	
"(I) Liqueurs, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws	per proof gallon 40s."
By omitting the whole of sub-item (O) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—	
"(O) Spirits, n.e.i.	per proof gallon 50s."
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. 6s. 3d.
(2) Otherwise	per lb. 6s. 11d.
* 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."	
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. 6s. 6d.
(2) Otherwise	per lb. 7s. 2d."
By omitting the whole of sub-item (C) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—	
"(C) Tobacco, fine cut suitable for the manufacture of cigarettes :—	
(1) In the manufacture of which all the tobacco leaf used is Australian-grown	per lb. 9s. 1d.
(2) Otherwise	per lb. 9s. 9d."
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. 5s. 10d."

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EXCISE DUTIES—continued.

Articles.	Rate of Duty.
8. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “8. Cigarettes, including the weight of the outer portion of each cigarette :— (A) †Hand-made per lb. † HAND-MADE CIGARETTES.—“Hand-made” shall mean that the whole of the operations connected with the filling and completion of cigarettes shall be performed exclusively by hand. (B) N.E.I. per lb.	9s. 6d. 9s. 9d.”
11. By omitting the whole of paragraph (2) of sub-item (A) (third time occurring) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— “(2) N.E.I. per gallon By omitting the whole of paragraph (3) of sub-item (A) (third time occurring) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— “(3) Produced from shale mined in Australia per gallon And on and after 21st August, 1942 (3) Produced from shale mined in Australia in a plant which was in production of spirit from such shale on or before 21st August, 1942— For each gallon (not exceeding in any period of twelve months commencing on 21st August, 1942, or on any anniversary of that date, the amount of spirit which that plant was capable of producing at 21st August, 1942, in a period of twelve months) And on and after 21st August, 1955 (3) Produced by National Oil Proprietary Limited from shale mined on the land described in the First Part of the Fourth Schedule to the Agreement (a copy of which is set forth in the Schedule to the <i>National Oil Proprietary Limited Agreement Act 1937</i>) as read and construed in the manner provided by the Agreement made on the 25th October, 1939, between the parties to the first-mentioned Agreement— (a) For each gallon not exceeding 10,000,000 gallons in each year commencing on the first day of January (b) For each gallon exceeding 10,000,000 gallons in each year commencing on the first day of January By omitting the whole of paragraph (2) of sub-item (B) (third time occurring) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— “(2) N.E.I. per gallon By omitting the whole of paragraph (2) of sub-item (C) (third time occurring) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— “(2) Produced directly or indirectly from coal mined in Australia per gallon And on and after 21st August, 1942 (2) Produced directly or indirectly from coal mined in Australia in a plant which was in production of distillates suitable for use as petrol substitutes from such coal on or before 21st August, 1942— For each gallon (not exceeding in any period of twelve months commencing on 21st August, 1942, or on any anniversary of that date, the amount of distillates suitable for use as petrol substitutes which that plant was capable of producing at 21st August, 1942, in a period of twelve months) And on and after 21st August, 1955 (2) Produced directly or indirectly from coal mined in Australia per gallon By omitting the whole of paragraph (3) of sub-item (C) (third time occurring) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— “(3) N.E.I. per gallon	9½d.” 4d. 4d. 4d. 9½d.” 9½d.” 4d. 4d. 5½d.” 5½d.”
14. By omitting the whole item (twice occurring) and inserting in its stead the following item :— “14. Cigarette tubes, paper and papers— For each 60 cigarette tubes For each 60 cigarette papers or the equivalent of 60 cigarette papers	1½d. 1½d.”
15. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “15. Matches per 8,640 matches	2s.”
20. By adding a new item 20 as follows :— “20. Carbonic acid gas— (A) To be used for aerating beverages, other than beer containing at least 2 per cent. proof spirit per lb. (B) For all other purposes, subject to such conditions as are prescribed by Departmental By-laws	1s. Free.”

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. Fadden (Treasurer) moved the following motions :—

1. That in lieu of the rate of tax imposed by the *Sales Tax Act (No. 1) 1930–1940* sales tax be imposed upon the sale value of goods, manufactured in Australia by a taxpayer and on or after the twenty-second day of November, One thousand nine hundred and forty, sold by him or treated by him as stock for sale by retail or applied to his own use, at the rate of—

- (a) in respect of certain of those goods to be classified by the Parliament—five per centum ;
(b) in respect of certain other of those goods to be classified by the Parliament—fifteen per centum ; and

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- (c) in respect of such of those goods as are not classified by the Parliament for the purposes of the legislation passed to give effect to paragraphs (a) and (b) of this Resolution and on the sale value of which it is not provided by the Parliament that sales tax shall not be payable—ten per centum.
2. That in lieu of the rate of tax imposed by the *Sales Tax Act (No. 2) 1930-1940* sales tax be imposed upon the sale value of goods, manufactured in Australia and sold on or after the twenty-second day of November, One thousand nine hundred and forty, by a taxpayer who purchased them from the manufacturer, at the rate of—
- (a) in respect of certain of those goods to be classified by the Parliament—five per centum ;
- (b) in respect of certain other of those goods to be classified by the Parliament—fifteen per centum ; and
- (c) in respect of such of those goods as are not classified by the Parliament for the purposes of the legislation passed to give effect to paragraphs (a) and (b) of this Resolution and on the sale value of which it is not provided by the Parliament that sales tax shall not be payable—ten per centum.
3. That in lieu of the rate of tax imposed by the *Sales Tax Act (No. 3) 1930-1940* sales tax be imposed upon the sale value of goods, manufactured in Australia and sold on or after the twenty-second day of November, One thousand nine hundred and forty, by a taxpayer not being either the manufacturer of those goods or the purchaser of those goods from the manufacturer, at the rate of—
- (a) in respect of certain of those goods to be classified by the Parliament—five per centum ;
- (b) in respect of certain other of those goods to be classified by the Parliament—fifteen per centum ; and
- (c) in respect of such of those goods as are not classified by the Parliament for the purposes of the legislation passed to give effect to paragraphs (a) and (b) of this Resolution and on the sale value of which it is not provided by the Parliament that sales tax shall not be payable—ten per centum.
4. That in lieu of the rate of tax imposed by the *Sales Tax Act (No. 4) 1930-1940* sales tax be imposed upon the sale value of goods, manufactured in Australia and sold to a taxpayer who has, on or after the twenty-second day of November, One thousand nine hundred and forty, applied those goods to his own use, at the rate of—
- (a) in respect of certain of those goods to be classified by the Parliament—five per centum ;
- (b) in respect of certain other of those goods to be classified by the Parliament—fifteen per centum ; and
- (c) in respect of such of those goods as are not classified by the Parliament for the purposes of the legislation passed to give effect to paragraphs (a) and (b) of this Resolution and on the sale value of which it is not provided by the Parliament that sales tax shall not be payable—ten per centum.
5. That in lieu of the rate of tax imposed by the *Sales Tax Act (No. 5) 1930-1940* sales tax be imposed upon the sale value of goods, imported into Australia by a taxpayer on or after the twenty-second day of November, One thousand nine hundred and forty, at the rate of—
- (a) in respect of certain of those goods to be classified by the Parliament—five per centum ;
- (b) in respect of certain other of those goods to be classified by the Parliament—fifteen per centum ; and
- (c) in respect of such of those goods as are not classified by the Parliament for the purposes of the legislation passed to give effect to paragraphs (a) and (b) of this Resolution and on the sale value of which it is not provided by the Parliament that sales tax shall not be payable—ten per centum.
6. That in lieu of the rate of tax imposed by the *Sales Tax Act (No. 6) 1930-1940* sales tax be imposed upon the sale value of goods, imported into Australia by a taxpayer and, on or after the twenty-second day of November, One thousand nine hundred and forty, sold by him or applied by him to his own use, at the rate of—
- (a) in respect of certain of those goods to be classified by the Parliament—five per centum ;
- (b) in respect of certain other of those goods to be classified by the Parliament—fifteen per centum ; and
- (c) in respect of such of those goods as are not classified by the Parliament for the purposes of the legislation passed to give effect to paragraphs (a) and (b) of this Resolution and on the sale value of which it is not provided by the Parliament that sales tax shall not be payable—ten per centum.
7. That in lieu of the rate of tax imposed by the *Sales Tax Act (No. 7) 1930-1940* sales tax be imposed upon the sale value of goods, imported into Australia and sold on or after the twenty-second day of November, One thousand nine hundred and forty, by a taxpayer not being the importer of the goods, at the rate of—
- (a) in respect of certain of those goods to be classified by the Parliament—five per centum ;
- (b) in respect of certain other of those goods to be classified by the Parliament—fifteen per centum ; and
- (c) in respect of such of those goods as are not classified by the Parliament for the purposes of the legislation passed to give effect to paragraphs (a) and (b) of this Resolution and on the sale value of which it is not provided by the Parliament that sales tax shall not be payable—ten per centum.

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8. That in lieu of the rate of tax imposed by the *Sales Tax Act* (No. 8) 1930-1940 sales tax be imposed upon the sale value of goods, imported into Australia and sold to a taxpayer who has, on or after the twenty-second day of November, One thousand nine hundred and forty, applied those goods to his own use, at the rate of—

- (a) in respect of certain of those goods to be classified by the Parliament—five per centum ;
- (b) in respect of certain other of those goods to be classified by the Parliament—fifteen per centum ; and
- (c) in respect of such of those goods as are not classified by the Parliament for the purposes of the legislation passed to give effect to paragraphs (a) and (b) of this Resolution and on the sale value of which it is not provided by the Parliament that sales tax shall not be payable—ten per centum.

9. That in lieu of the rate of tax imposed by the *Sales Tax Act* (No. 9) 1930-1940 sales tax be imposed 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 November, One thousand nine hundred and forty, at the rate of—

- (a) in respect of certain of those goods to be classified by the Parliament—five per centum ;
- (b) in respect of certain other of those goods to be classified by the Parliament—fifteen per centum ; and
- (c) in respect of such of those goods as are not classified by the Parliament for the purposes of the legislation passed to give effect to paragraphs (a) and (b) of this Resolution and on the sale value of which it is not provided by the Parliament that sales tax shall not be payable—ten per centum.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

18. SWAN ELECTORAL DIVISION—ISSUE OF WRIT.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that it was his intention to issue a Writ, on Thursday, the 28th November, 1940, for the Election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Swan, in the State of Western Australia, in the place of the Honorable Henry Gregory, deceased. The dates in connexion with the Election would be fixed as follows :—

Date of Issue of Writ	..	..	..	Thursday, 28th November, 1940.
Date of Nomination	..	..	..	Saturday, 7th December, 1940.
Date of Polling	..	..	..	Saturday, 21st December, 1940.
Date of Return of Writ	..	..	..	On or before Saturday, 18th January, 1941.

19. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Air) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-two minutes past six o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except— Mr. Blain and Mr. White.

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