THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 135.

WEDNESDAY, 2nd JUNE, 1948.

- 1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Chifley (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.
- 3. Messages from the Senate.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate:—

[Representation Bill 1948]--

Mr. Speaker,

Message No. 134.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to increase the Number of Senators and for other purposes", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

Gordon Brown,

The Senate,

Canberra, 6th May, 1948.

President.

[Commonwealth Electoral Bill 1948]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 135.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to amend the 'Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918-1946' and the 'Senate Elections Act 1903-1922'", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,

Gordon Brown,

President.

[Supply and Development Bill 1948]—

Mr. SPEAKER,

Message No. 136.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to amend the 'Supply and Development Act 1939-1944'", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

GORDON BROWN,

The Senate,

Canberra, 6th May, 1948.

Canberra, 6th May, 1948.

President.

[Superannuation Bill 1948]---

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 137.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to amend the 'Superannuation Act 1922-1947' and for other purposes", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

Gordon Brown,

President.

The Senate, Canberra, 6th May, 1948.

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[Transferred Officers' Allowances Bill 1948]—

Mr. Speaker

Message No. 138.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to provide for the payment of Allowances to certain Transferred Officers", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,

Canberra, 6th May, 1948.

GORDON BROWN, President.

4. 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:-

W. J. McKELL.

Governor-General.

Message No. 73.

A Proposed Law intituled "Acoustic Laboratories Act 1948" 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 Law.

Government House,

Canberra, 15th May, 1948.

W. J. McKELL,

Governor-General.

Message No. 74.

Proposed Laws intituled :-

"Representation Act 1948"

"Commonwealth Electoral Act 1948"

"Supply and Development Act 1948"

"Superannuation Act 1948"

"Transferred Officers' Allowances Act 1948"

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, 18th May, 1948.

5. Papers.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Tariff Board-Report-Vacuum Cleaners and Vacuum Cleaner Parts. Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

Japan—British Commonwealth Occupation Force—Report of Committee of Investigation—

(1) by the Chaplains-General.

(2) by Major-General C. E. M. Lloyd, C.B.E., and Mr. Massey Stanley.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute-

Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1948, No. 51.

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determination by the Arbitrator, &c.—1948—No. 31—Australian Third Division Telegraphists' and Postal Clerks' Union; Commonwealth Telegraph Traffic and Supervisory Officers' Association; and Fourth Division Postmasters. Postal Clerks and Telegraphists' Union.
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—

Interior—F. A. Daw, E. J. Desmond, G. M. Duncan, R. C. Hoath, A. F. Hurren, J. J. McGann, J. W. Nicholas, H. G. Oliphant, S. K. Rawlings, J. W. Roberts, B. D. Robertson, H. G. Rosman, J. A. Sandow, G. B. Todd, V. de P. M. Wilkinson, J. G. ${f Windsor}$

Supply and Development—K. A. Summons.

Dairy Produce Export Control Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1948, No. 53.

Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1948, No. 59.

Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—
National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—Orders—Inventions and designs (95). National Security (War Damage to Property) Regulations-War Damage Commission-Report for 1947.

Regulations-Statutory Rules 1948, No. 55.

High Commissioner Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1948, No. 58. Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—

Banking purposes-Melbourne, Victoria.

Commonwealth office accommodation purposes—Hobart, Tasmania.

Council for Scientific and Industrial Research purposes—Trangie, New South Wales.

Defence purposes-

Livingstone, Northern Territory.

New Farm, Queensland.

Newcastle, New South Wales.

Oaklands, New South Wales.

2nd June, 1948. Department of Civil Aviation purposes-Bowen, Queensland. Bundaberg, Queensland. Carnarvon, Western Australia. Condamine, Queensland. Mascot, New South Wales. Department of the Interior purposes-Onslow, Western Australia. Department of Social Services purposes-Clovelly, New South Wales. Department of Trade and Customs purposes—Forbes, New South Wales. Overseas Telecommunications Commission purposes—Broome, Western Australia. Postal purposes-Balaklava, South Australia. Dromana, Victoria. Fremantle, Western Australia. Newport, Victoria. Parkes, New South Wales. Ultima, Victoria. Northern Territory (Administration) Act-Regulations-Statutory Rules 1948, No. 24 (substitute copy). Passports Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1948, No. 52. Pharmaceutical Benefits Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1948, No. 56. Re-establishment and Employment Act-Regulations-Statutory Rules 1948, Nos. 54, 57. 6. Postponement of Orders of the Day.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 3 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 4, Government Business. 7. Ways and Means—Customs Tariff Amendment (No. 5), and Excise Tariff Amendment (No. 4).— The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means. (In the Committee.) Mr. Pollard (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved-CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 5). That the Schedule to the Customs Tariff 1933-1948 be amended as hereinafter set out, and that, on and after the third day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-eight, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Australian Capital Territory, Duties of Customs he collected in pursuance of the Customs Tariff 1933-1948 as so amended. IMPORT DUTIES. British Intermediate Tariff. Tariff Items. Preferential Tariff. General Tariff. DIVISION V.—TEXTILES, FELTS AND FURS, AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND ATTIRE. 122. By omitting the whole of sub-item (c) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item:its stead the following suc-item:—

"(c) Cotton cloths and material cut into shape therefor, not being felt, impregnated with oil or fatty matter and finely divided mineral matter, of a type used for polishing metalware and glassware. ad val. | 12½ per cent. | 27½ per cent. | 45 per cent." DIVISION VI.—METALS AND MACHINERY. 174. By omitting the whole of paragraph (45) of sub-item (x). DIVISION IX.—DRUGS AND CHEMICALS. 269. By omitting the whole of sub-item (D) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item:— "(D) Nicotine and rotenone spraying preparations; liquid hydrocyanic acid gas, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws Free Free Free " DIVISION XI.—JEWELLERY AND FANCY GOODS. 319. By omitting the whole of paragraph (3) of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph:

"(3) Matrices for use in connexion with the manufacture of talking machine records—

(a) Stamping matrices - ad val.

30 per cent. Free

- ad val.

- ad val.

(b) Other matrices

57½ per cent. | 57½ per cent. | 12½ per cent. | 12½ per cent. |

571 per cent.

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IMPORT DUTIES—continued.				
Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.	
DIVISION XVI.—MISCELI	ANEOUS.			
373. By adding a new sub-item (c) as follows:— "(c) Articles imported by or purchased in bond for the official use of the United Nations Organization or a Specialized Agency of the United Nations Organization - By adding a new sub-item (d) as follows:— "(n) Articles imported by or purchased in bond for the personal or official use of the Secretary-General or an Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations Organization or the Executive Head or	Free	Free	Free ''	
an Assistant Executive Head of a Specialized Agency of the United Nations Organization or a member of the family of any person mentioned in this sub-item By adding a new sub-item (E) as follows:— "(E) Furniture and effects of an Official of the United Nations Organization or a Specialized Agency of	Free	Free	Free ''	
the United Nations Organization provided importation is made at the time such official first takes up post in Australia 380. By omitting the whole of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item:—	Free	Free	Free ''	
"(B) Vacuum cleaners, viz.:— (1) Household electrically operated of the outside bag and inside bag or barrel types—each and ad val. or ad val. whichever rate returns the higher duty. (2) Parts—of—household electrically operated	20s. 20 per cent.	$\begin{array}{c} 20s. \\ 17\frac{1}{2} \text{ per cent.} \\ 37\frac{1}{2} \text{ per cent.} \end{array}$	$30s.$ $17\frac{1}{2} \text{ per cent.}$ $47\frac{1}{2} \text{ per cent.}$	
vacuum cleaners of the outside bag and inside bag or barrel types - ad val. (3) Other vacuum cleaners, including parts thereof ad val.	20 per cent.	1	$47\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.	

EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 4).

That the Schedule to the Excise Tariff 1921-1948 be amended as hereinafter set out, and that, on and after the third day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-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 1921-1948 as so amended.

2. That without prejudice to the generality of the preceding paragraph of these

2. That without prejudice to the generality of the preceding paragraph of these Proposals, where—

(a) it is provided that an item or portion of an item in the Schedule to the Excise

Tariff 1921-1948 shall be omitted on a date to be fixed by Proclamation, the

Governor-General may, by Proclamation, fix a date on which that item or

portion of an item is omitted: and

portion of an item is omitted; and
(b) in respect of any goods covered by an item or portion of an item in these
Proposals, it is provided that the rates of duty in respect of those goods
shall be imposed on and after a date to be fixed by Proclamation, the
Governor-General may, by Proclamation, fix a date on and after which the
rates of duty in respect of those goods shall be imposed.

EXCISE DUTIES.

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Articles.	Rate of Duty
2. By omitting the whole of sub-item (I), such omission to be effective on a date to	
be fixed by Proclamation.	
5. By adding a new item 5 as follows :—	
"On and after a date to be fixed by Proclamation—	
5. Liqueurs—	
(A) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws per proof gallon	55s. 6d.
(B) N.E.I per proof gallon	65s. 6d."
0. By adding a new sub-item (F) as follows:—	
"(F) Articles which are owned (prior to clearance for home consumption) by	
and are for the official use of the United Nations Organization or a	Ta
Specialized Agency of the United Nations Organization	Free.''
By adding a new sub-item (G) as follows:—	
"(a) Articles which are owned (prior to clearance for home consumption) by and	
are for the personal or official use of the Secretary-General or an Assistant	
Secretary-General of the United Nations Organization or the Executive Head or an Assistant Executive Head of a Specialized Agency of the	
United Nations Organization or a member of the family of any person	
mentioned in this sub-item	Free."
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Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

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

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8. Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Bill 1948.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time. Debate resumed.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1-

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

The House resumed; Mr. Sheehy reported accordingly.

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

9. International Wheat Agreement Bill 1948.—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.

Ordered—That Mr. McEwen be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Mr. Cameron 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.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Holloway (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-seven minutes past ten 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. Beazley, Mr. Blain, Mr. Burke, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Lazzarini, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Scullin, Mr. Spender and Mr. Watkins.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.