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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 3.

THURSDAY, 19TH FEBRUARY, 1959.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. NAVUNERAM INCIDENT—NATIVE FATALITIES—REPORT OF COMMISSION OF INQUIRY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Hasluck (Minister for Territories), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the report of the Commission appointed to inquire into certain incidents which occurred at Navuneram, New Britain, on the 4th August, 1958, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:—
Navuneram Incident, New Britain—Report of Commission of Inquiry.
Mr. Freeth (Minister for the Interior) moved, That the Paper be printed.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Evatt—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
3. NAVUNERAM INCIDENT—NATIVE FATALITIES—REPORT OF COMMISSION OF INQUIRY—STATEMENT BY MEMBER.—Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, made a Statement in connexion with the report of the Commission appointed to inquire into certain incidents which occurred at Navuneram, New Britain, on the 4th August, 1958.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinances—1958—
No. 22—Customs Tariff.
No. 24—Marriage (Papua).
No. 35—Customs Tariff (No. 2).
No. 36—Appropriation 1958–59.
No. 37—Ex-servicemen's Credit.
No. 44—Native Loans Fund.
No. 45—Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (New Guinea).
No. 47—Personal Tax (No. 2).
No. 48—Personal Tax (Rates) 1959.
No. 49—Methodist Overseas-Missions Trust Association.
No. 50—Police Offences (Papua).
No. 53—Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Papua).
No. 54—Fish Protection.
No. 55—Native Emigration Restriction.
No. 57—Land (Papua) (No. 2).
5. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Osborne (Minister for Air), for Mr. Holt (Treasurer), moved, pursuant to notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent—
(a) motions being moved in connexion with the establishment of Joint Committees on (i) Foreign Affairs, (ii) Constitutional Review and (iii) the Australian Capital Territory, the consideration of such motions, and the subsequent appointment of Members to serve on the Foreign Affairs Committee, and
(b) the appointment of the Committee of Ways and Means and the moving of a Resolution in that Committee.
Question—put and passed.

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6. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to:—

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—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Drummond was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Debate adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

7. PUBLIC SERVICE RECRUITMENT—REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY—PRESENTATION OF PAPER—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:—

Public Service Recruitment—Report of Committee of Inquiry—

and, by leave, made a Ministerial Statement in connexion with the report.

8. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to:—

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Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Curtin), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

9. WAYS AND MEANS.—Mr. Osborne (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) moved, That the House do now resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Ways and Means for raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty.

Question—put and passed.

10. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 1).—The House then resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Osborne (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) moved—

That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1933–1958 be amended as set out in the Schedule to these Proposals, and that on and after the twentieth day of February, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-nine, 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* 1933–1958 as so amended.

THE SCHEDULE. IMPORT DUTIES.

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

54. By adding a new sub-item (E) as follows:— “(E) Gherkins which but for this sub-item would be classifiable under item 54 (A)—			
(1) Quarter-pints and smaller sizes - per dozen	11d.	1s. 6d.	1s. 9d.
(2) Half-pints and over quarter-pints - per dozen	1s. 10½d.	3s.	3s. 6d.
(3) Pints and over half-pints - per dozen	3s. 9d.	6s.	7s.
(4) Quarts and over pints - per dozen	7s. 6d.	12s.	14s.
(5) Exceeding a quart - per gallon	2s. 3d.	3s. 3d.	4s. 3d.
(6) When preserved in spirituous liquid, additional duty to be paid on the liquid per gallon	30s.	31s.	31s.”
78. By omitting sub-item (H) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item:— “(H) Almonds—			
(1) Unshelled - per lb. Subject to a reduction by an amount calculated on the F.O.B. price of -	1s. 9d.	2s.	2s.
(2) Kernels for use in the manufacture of marzipan, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws -	75 per cent.	75 per cent.	75 per cent.
(3) Kernels n.e.i. - per lb. Subject to a reduction by an amount calculated on the F.O.B. price of -	Free 5s. 2½d.	Free 5s. 6d.	Free 5s. 7d.
	75 per cent.	75 per cent.	75 per cent.”

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THE SCHEDULE—continued.
IMPORT DUTIES—continued.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
DIVISION V.—TEXTILES, FELTS AND FURS, AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND ATTIRE.			
105. By omitting sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (1) of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-paragraph:— “(b) Cotton piece goods and piece goods containing a mixture of fibres in which cotton predominates (excepting piece goods enumerated in sub-item (AA) or (F) and piece goods ordinarily used as linings or interlinings), weighing more than 4 ounces per square yard and less than 18 ounces per square yard, of types which either as imported or when further processed are ordinarily used for the manufacture of men’s or boys’ overcoats coats vests trousers knickers (not being underwear) aprons or overalls— (1) Weighing not more than 7 ounces per square yard, 37 inches or over in width and not exceeding 100 inches in width, twill woven, bleached or unbleached, not printed, for use in the manufacture of bed sheets or pillow cases - - - per lb. and ad val. (2) Other - - - - - per lb. and ad val. By adding to sub-item (A) a new paragraph (5) as follows:— “(5) Piece goods otherwise classifiable under item 105 (A) (1) (b) (1), for use in the manufacture of bed sheets or pillow cases, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws— (a) Unbleached, not printed - per square yard or ad val. whichever rate returns the lower duty. (b) Bleached, not printed - per square yard or ad val. whichever rate returns the lower duty.”			
	4d. 15 per cent. 7d. 27½ per cent.	4d. 25 per cent. 10d. 45 per cent.	7d. 25 per cent. 10d. 45 per cent.”
106. By omitting sub-item (F) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item:— “(F) Buttons n.e.i., including blanks and those partly finished— (1) Wholly or partly of gold or silver - ad val. (2) Wholly or principally of casein or of synthetic materials; imitations of trochus shell or pearl shell— (a) Blanks, flat, plain, not processed ad val. (b) Other, including such goods having metal fittings or metal fastening devices for each ligne measurement per gross less ad val. (3) Wholly or principally of vegetable ivory including corozo and dum-nut animal shell bone horn ivory - - - ad val. (4) Other including those wholly or principally of glass not being imitations of trochus shell or pearl shell - - - ad val.	45 per cent. 22½ per cent. 12½ per cent. 10 per cent. 22½ per cent.	62½ per cent. 35 per cent. 1½d. 22½ per cent. 35 per cent.	62½ per cent. 35 per cent. 1½d. 22½ per cent. 35 per cent.”

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

250. By omitting sub-item (g) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item:— “(g) Vacuum flasks jugs cans and similar vacuum containers and parts therefor - - - - - ad val.	22½ per cent.	45 per cent.	52½ per cent.”
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DIVISION XV.—MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.

362. By omitting from the item the following:— “; piano accordions”.			
366. By omitting sub-item (c) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item:— “(c) Accordions— (1) Piano accordions - - - - - ad val. (2) Other - - - - - ad val.	Free Free	10 per cent. 12½ per cent.	12½ per cent. 17½ per cent.”

DIVISION XVI.—MISCELLANEOUS.

400. By omitting sub-item (b) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item:— “(b) Goods imported for repair, alteration or industrial processing and intended to be exported, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - -	Free	Free	Free”
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Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

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

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

Tariff Board—Reports—

Almond Paste and Meal, Almonds Unshelled and Almond Kernels.

Buttons.

Carpets and Rugs.

Cotton Piece Goods (Denims, Drills, etc.).

Deferred Duties—Plain Tinned Iron and Steel Plates and Sheets.

Ox Runners, Surgical Sutures and Sausage Casings.

Tailors' Shears and Trimmers.

Whitlock "Dinkum Digger".

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

12. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to:—

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Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Cope), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

13. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Messages from the Senate were reported acquainting the House of the appointment of Senators to the following Committees:—

19th February, 1959—Message—

No. 1—Joint Committee on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings—Mr. President and Senators Arnold and Marriott.

No. 2—Joint Committee of Public Accounts—Senators Benn, Wade and Wedgwood.

No. 3—Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works—Senators Anderson, Maher and O'Byrne.

14. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Hasluck (Minister for Territories) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Ordered—That Mr. Robertson (Minister for Social Services) be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Several Members rising to address the House—

Closure.—Mr. Hasluck moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 52.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Cash	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jack	Mr. Snedden
Mr. Allan	Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Joske	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Chresby	Mr. Falkinder	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Timson
Mr. Aston	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bandidt	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Killen	Mr. Wight
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Davis	Mr. Halbert	Mr. King	Mr. Wilson
Sir G. Barwick	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lindsay	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Drury	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McEwen	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Howse	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Pearce
Mr. Casey	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Turnbull

NOES, 33.

Mr. Bird	Mr. Cope	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Uren
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Peters	Mr. Ward
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Crean	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Reynolds	
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Daly	Mr. Jones	Mr. Russell	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Davies	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Sexton	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Clay	Mr. Fulton	Mr. Makin	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-eight minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Bland, Mr. Clark, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Murray and Mr. Riordan.

A. G. TURNER,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.