

1959.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 15.

THURSDAY, 9TH APRIL, 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. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinances—
1958—
No. 38—Vagrancy (Papua).
No. 39—Police Offences (New Guinea).
No. 40—Criminal Code Amendment Ordinance (New Guinea) Amendment.
No. 41—Criminal Code Amendment (Papua).
No. 42—Criminal Code Amendment (New Guinea).
No. 43—White Women's Protection Ordinance (Papua) Repeal.
No. 46—Cocoa Industry.
No. 51—Native Local Government Councils.
No. 52—Animal Disease and Control.
No. 59—Workers' Compensation.
1959—
No. 2—Public Service (No. 2) 1958.
No. 3—Minimum Age (Sea) 1958.
Public Service Act—Appointments—Department of Works—S. C. Combs, R. G. Tanner.
3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER.—Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) moved, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Kennedy (Mr. Riordan) on the ground of Parliamentary business overseas.
Question—put and passed.
4. AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY REPRESENTATION BILL 1959.—Mr. Freeth (Minister for the Interior), for Mr. Holt (Treasurer), moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend section six of the *Australian Capital Territory Representation Act 1948-1949*.
Question—put and passed.
Bill brought up, and read a first time.
Mr. Freeth moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr. J. R. Fraser), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
5. ALIENS BILL 1959.—Mr. Downer (Minister for Immigration) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Aliens Act 1947-1952*.
Question—put and passed.
Bill brought up, and read a first time.
Mr. Downer moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Calwell), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
6. SUPPLY [“GRIEVANCE DAY”].—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 291, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—
Question proposed—That the Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Debate ensued.
It being fifteen minutes to one o'clock p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 291.
Question—That the Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and negatived.
Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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7. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENTS (NOS. 1 AND 2).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 1).

[See proposed Resolution of the 19th February, 1959 (pages 18–9).]

Motion, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.

CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 2).

[See proposed Resolution of the 19th March, 1959 (pages 50–9).]

Items in the Schedule, by leave, taken together, and debated.

On the motion of Mr. Osborne (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise), Item 392, viz.:—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
392. By omitting sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item:—			
“(A) Cotton or in chief part by weight cotton but not containing wool—			
(1) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws ad val.	Free	7½ per cent.	7½ per cent.
(2) Mercerized - - - - - ad val.	Free	20 per cent.	20 per cent.
(3) Single yarns—			
(a) In count No. 50 or finer - ad val.	Free	7½ per cent.	7½ per cent.
(b) N.E.I.—			
(1) In counts up to and including No. 20 count - ad val.	15 per cent.	27½ per cent.	27½ per cent.
And for each 1d. or part thereof by which the F.O.B. price is less than 60d. per lb., an additional duty of ad val.	2½ per cent.	2½ per cent.	2½ per cent.
(2) Other - - - - - ad val.	27½ per cent.	40 per cent.	40 per cent.
And for each 1d. or part thereof by which the F.O.B. price is less than 65d. per lb., an additional duty of ad val.	2½ per cent.	2½ per cent.	2½ per cent.
(4) Folded yarns—			
(a) Having each ply in count No. 50 or finer - - - - - ad val.	Free	7½ per cent.	7½ per cent.
(b) N.E.I. - - - - - ad val.	27½ per cent.	40 per cent.	40 per cent.
And for each 1d. or part thereof by which the F.O.B. price is less than 65d. per lb., an additional duty of - - - - - ad val.	2½ per cent.	2½ per cent.	2½ per cent.”
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was amended:—

(a) by adding the following to paragraph (3) of sub-item (A):—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“ And on and after 10th April, 1959			
(3) Single yarns n.e.i.—			
(a) In count No. 50 or finer - - - - - ad val.	Free	7½ per cent.	7½ per cent.
(b) In counts up to and including No. 20 count - ad val.	15 per cent.	27½ per cent.	27½ per cent.
And for each 1d. or part thereof by which the F.O.B. price is less than 60d. per lb., an additional duty of ad val.	2½ per cent.	2½ per cent.	2½ per cent.
(c) Other - - - - - ad val.	27½ per cent.	40 per cent.	40 per cent.
And for each 1d. or part thereof by which the F.O.B. price is less than 65d. per lb., an additional duty of ad val.	2½ per cent.	2½ per cent.	2½ per cent.”

(b) by adding the following to paragraph (4) of sub-item (A):—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“ And on and after 10th April, 1959			
(4) Folded yarns n.e.i.—			
(a) Having each ply in count No. 50 or finer - ad val.	Free	7½ per cent.	7½ per cent.
(b) Other - - - - - ad val.	27½ per cent.	40 per cent.	40 per cent.
And for each 1d. or part thereof by which the F.O.B. price is less than 65d. per lb., an additional duty of ad val.	2½ per cent.	2½ per cent.	2½ per cent.”

Items, as amended, agreed to.

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Preliminary paragraph—

On the motion of Mr. Osborne, the preliminary paragraph was omitted and the following preliminary paragraph inserted in place thereof, after debate:—

“ That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff 1933-1958*, as proposed to be amended by Customs Tariff Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the nineteenth day of February, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-nine, be further amended as set out in the Schedule to these Proposals, and that on and after the twentieth day of March, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-nine, or such later date as may be specified in the Schedule to these Proposals, 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.”.

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.

8. NORTHERN TERRITORY (ADMINISTRATION) BILL 1959.—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 by Mr. Nelson who moved, as an amendment, That all words after “ That ” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—“ the Bill be referred to a Joint Committee of Members of the Senate and the House of Representatives for investigation and report on constitutional reform of the Legislative Council of the Northern Territory so as to provide a greater measure of self determination by the people of the Territory ”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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

AYES, 61.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Failes	Mr. Howse	Mr. Snedden
Mr. Allan	Mr. Cash	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Howson	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Jack	Mr. Timson
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Chesby	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Joske	Mr. Townley
Mr. Aston	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Turner
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Fox	Mr. Killen	Mr. Wentworth
Sir G. Barwick	Mr. Davidson	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bland	Mr. Davis	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lucock	
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Dean	Mr. Halbert	Mr. Mackinnon	Tellers:
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. McMahan	
Mr. Browne	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Drury	Mr. Holt	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bury	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Holten	Mr. Robertson	

NOES, 33.

Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clay	Mr. Harrison	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cope	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Uren
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Crean	Mr. Johnson	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Jones	Mr. Pollard	Tellers:
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Davies	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Reynolds	
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Russell	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Makin	Mr. Sexton	Mr. Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

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. Bowden reported accordingly.

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

9. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—NORTHERN TERRITORY (ADMINISTRATION) BILL 1959.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

W. J. SLIM,

Governor-General.

Message No. 5.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Northern Territory (Administration) Act 1910-1956*.

Canberra, 18th March, 1959.

Ordered—That the Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Hasluck (Minister for Territories) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Northern Territory (Administration) Act 1910-1956*.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Hasluck, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

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10. NORTHERN TERRITORY (ADMINISTRATION) BILL 1959.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 to 7, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 8—

Mr. Nelson moved the following amendment:—Page 2, lines 39–41 and page 3, lines 1 and 2, omit proposed sub-section (2.), insert the following sub-section:—

“(2.) The Legislative Council shall consist of—

(a) twelve official members; and

(b) twelve elected members,

of whom one shall be elected Speaker.”.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the sub-section proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

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

AYES, 58.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Howse	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Allan	Mr. Cash	Mr. Failes	Mr. Howson	Mr. Snedden
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jack	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Chresby	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Joske	Mr. Timson
Mr. Aston	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Townley
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Fox	Mr. Killen	Mr. Turner
Sir G. Barwick	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Davis	Mr. Halbert	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. McCollm	
Mr. Browne	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McMahon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Holt	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Bury	Mr. Drury	Mr. Holten	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Turnbull

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Hasluck (Minister for Territories), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

11. COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES—REPORT—STATEMENTS REGARDING MEMBER FOR CAPRICORNIA.—Mr. Drury (Chairman) brought up the following Report from the Committee of Privileges:—

Report relating to the matter raised by the honorable Member for Capricornia on the 17th March, 1959, together with Minutes of Proceedings.

12. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—A Message from the Senate was reported acquainting the House that the Senate had agreed to the Amendments made by the House in the following Bill:—

9th April, 1959—Message No. 9—Civil Aviation (Carriers' Liability) 1959.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-three 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. Casey, Mr. Haworth, Mr. Hulme, Mr. Kearney*, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Riordan* and Mr. Wheeler.

* On leave.

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