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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 59.

THURSDAY, 27TH OCTOBER, 1960.

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. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Variation of plan of lay-out of City of Canberra and its environs, dated 20th October, 1960.
3. HIGINBOTHAM BY-ELECTION.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had this day issued the Writ in connexion with the By-election for the Higinbotham Division, and that the dates fixed were those announced to the House on the 25th instant.
4. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, the 8th November, at half-past two o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.
5. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF URGENCY—TRADE PRACTICES AFFECTING PRIMARY PRODUCERS.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that Mr. Jones had proposed that a definite matter of urgent public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The failure of the Government to take action in respect of trade practices affecting primary producers in the matter of tyres, petrol, farm machinery and superphosphates".
The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr. Jones addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Discussion concluded.
6. GENERAL BUSINESS.—It being past fifteen minutes to one o'clock p.m., General Business was not called on.
7. NATIONALITY AND CITIZENSHIP BILL 1960.—Mr. Downer (Minister for Immigration) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Nationality and Citizenship Act 1948-1959*.
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. Crean), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
8. COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL BILL 1960.—Mr. Davidson (Postmaster-General), for Mr. Freeth (Minister for the Interior), moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918-1953*.
Question—put and passed.

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9. STATES GRANTS (SPECIAL ASSISTANCE) BILL 1960.—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.
The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Failes reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Townley (Minister for Defence), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 2, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
11. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 23) AND CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (NO. 6).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Cramer (Minister for the Army) moved—

CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 23).

1. That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1933–1960, as proposed to be amended by Customs Tariff Proposals, be further amended as set out in the Schedule to these Proposals, and that on and after the twenty-eighth day of October, One thousand nine hundred and sixty, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Australian Capital Territory, Duties of Customs be collected accordingly.

2. That in these Proposals, “Customs Tariff Proposals” mean the Customs Tariff Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the following dates, namely:—

19th May, 1960;
16th August, 1960;
8th September, 1960; and
20th October, 1960.

THE SCHEDULE.
IMPORT DUTIES.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
DIVISION V.—TEXTILES, FELTS AND FURS, AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND ATTIRE.			
105. By omitting paragraph (3) of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph:— “(3) Woven piece goods, weighing six ounces or more per square yard, of types which, either as imported or when further processed, are principally used for furnishings drapes or upholstery, of cotton, of linen, or of fibre admixtures, but not including— piece goods containing 20 per cent. or more by weight of man-made fibres piece goods containing wool bed tickings fabrics printed in fast colours chenille and pile fabrics, not being moquettes of the type used for upholstery - - - ad val.	37½ per cent.	50 per cent.	60 per cent.”
By omitting from sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (1) of sub-item (D) the following letter and figure:— “(A) (3),”.			
By omitting paragraph (4) of sub-item (E) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph:— “(4) Moquettes of or containing wool, of types used for upholstery - - - per square yard and ad val.	6d. 17½ per cent.	6d. 30 per cent.	6d. 47½ per cent.”

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CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (NO. 6).

1. That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) 1933-1960*, as proposed to be amended by Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) Proposals, be further amended as set out in the Schedule to these Proposals, and that on and after the twenty-eighth day of October, One thousand nine hundred and sixty, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Australian Capital Territory, Duties of Customs be collected accordingly.

2. That in these Proposals, "Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) Proposals" mean the Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the following dates, namely:—

- 19th May, 1960;
- 16th August, 1960; and
- 8th September, 1960.

THE SCHEDULE.

Consecutive No.	Tariff Item.	Tariff Rates on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of New Zealand.
23.	By omitting the item and inserting in its stead the following item:— " 23 Ex 105 Textile piece goods of wool or containing wool to which— (a) paragraph (1) or paragraph (6) of sub-item (F) of Item 105; or (b) sub-item (L) of Item 105, in the Schedule to the <i>Customs Tariff 1933-1960</i> , or that Act as amended from time to time, or as proposed to be amended from time to time by a Customs Tariff alteration proposed in the Parliament, applies	22½ per cent. ad val."

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

The House resumed; Mr. Failes reported accordingly.

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

12. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Tariff Board—Report—Furnishing Fabrics.

Ordered to be printed.

13. LOAN (HOUSING) BILL 1960.—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.

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

14. CRIMES BILL 1960.—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. Calwell (Leader of the Opposition) 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 withdrawn and redrafted because it fails to repeal objectionable features of the Crimes Act, including political and industrial offences and the death penalty, and because it introduces new offences infringing freedom of speech, writing and action by individuals and organizations innocent of disloyal intent, and because, in particular, it fails—

- (a) to preserve the rule of law and the principles of natural justice in trials for these offences;
- (b) to establish the principle of trial by jury for all these offences;
- (c) to achieve certainty and precision in the definition of these offences;
- (d) to ensure the application of long established rules excluding evidence of the character of an accused person on trial for these offences;
- (e) to provide means of specifying enemy countries which or enemy persons whom it will be an offence to assist, and
- (f) to guarantee liberty bona fide to express criticisms and to seek alteration of the policy of the Australian or any other Government".

Debate continued.

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

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15. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of National Development—E. Magassy.
Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations—1960—
No. 46—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
No. 47—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.
No. 48—Association of Railway Professional Officers of Australia.
16. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Opperman (Minister for Shipping and Transport) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-seven minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, the 8th November, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Anthony, Mr. Aston, Mr. Bate, Mr. Beaton, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Cope*, Mr. Costa*, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Fairhall, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Holten, Mr. Hulme, Mr. Jack, Mr. Lawson*, Mr. McColm*, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Russell*, Mr. Sexton, Mr. Wentworth* and Mr. Wheeler.

* On leave.

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