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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 9.

THURSDAY, 23RD MARCH, 1961.

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—
Public Service Act—Appointment—Attorney-General's Department—C. R. King.
3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER.—Mr. McEwen (Acting Prime Minister) moved, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Gwydir (Mr. Allan) on the ground of Parliamentary business overseas.
Question—put and passed.
4. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, the 11th April, at half-past two o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.
5. NATIONAL LIBRARY COUNCIL.—Mr. Downer (Minister for Immigration) moved, by leave, That, in accordance with section ten of the *National Library Act* 1960, the House of Representatives elects Mr. Haylen to the Council of the National Library of Australia from this date until the first day of sitting of the Twenty-fourth Parliament.
Question—put and passed.
6. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF URGENCY—PRIMARY PRODUCTION—HARMFUL EFFECT OF GOVERNMENT POLICY.—
Mr. Speaker informed the House that Mr. Pollard had proposed that a definite matter of urgent public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The grave harm being done to Australian primary producers by the Government's policy of credit restriction, the Government's failure to solve the problem of inflation and its failure to protect the wool growers against market manipulation".
The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr. Pollard addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry) moved, That the Business of the Day be called on.
Question—put and passed.
7. ORDER OF THE DAY No. 1—SUPPLY ["GRIEVANCE DAY"].—It being past fifteen minutes to one o'clock p.m., Order of the Day No. 1 ("Grievance Day"—pursuant to Standing Order No. 291) was not called on, and the Committee of Supply was set down for a later hour this day.
8. NORTHERN TERRITORY SUPREME COURT BILL 1961.—Sir Garfield Barwick (Attorney-General) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to create a Supreme Court of the Northern Territory of Australia, in place of the Supreme Court previously established.
Question—put and passed.
Bill brought up, and read a first time.
Sir Garfield Barwick moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Whitlam), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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9. SALES TAX (EXEMPTIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS) BILL 1961.—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. Daly), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

10. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENTS (NOS. 5 AND 6).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

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

CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 5).

That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1933–1960, as proposed to be amended by Customs Tariff Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the sixteenth day of March, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-one, be further amended as set out in the Schedule to these Proposals and that on and after the twenty-fourth day of March, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-one, Duties of Customs be collected accordingly.

THE SCHEDULE.
IMPORT DUTIES.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
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DIVISION V.—TEXTILES, FELTS AND FURS, AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND ATTIRE.

109. By omitting the item and inserting in its stead the following item:— “ 109. Artificial flowers foliage or fruit - - ad val.	Free	7½ per cent.	7½ per cent.”
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DIVISION VI.—METALS AND MACHINERY.

174. By omitting paragraph (1) of sub-item (v).			
176. By inserting in paragraph (3) of sub-item (F) after the words “ rock drills ” the following words and figures:— “, or goods covered by item 215 ”.			
215. By omitting the item and inserting in its stead the following item:— “ 215. Saws (non-mechanical); blades for hand or machine saws, including toothless saw blades— (A) Saws (non-mechanical) - - ad val. (B) Blades for hand or machine saws, including toothless saw blades— (1) Blades for saws (non-mechanical)— (a) Hack saw blades - ad val. (b) Other - - ad val. (2) Machine hack saw blades - ad val. (3) Circular saw blades— (a) Inserted tooth - ad val. (b) Diamond impregnated, including segments therefor - - ad val. (c) Other - - ad val. (4) Band saw blades and blading ad val. (5) Gang saw blades, other than plain section, (stone-working)— (a) Cemented carbide - ad val. (b) Other - - ad val. (6) Other - - ad val.	22½ per cent. 17½ per cent. 22½ per cent. 10 per cent. Free 7½ per cent. 22½ per cent. 12½ per cent. 12½ per cent. Free 12½ per cent.	47½ per cent. 32½ per cent. 47½ per cent. 17½ per cent. 7½ per cent. 15 per cent. 50 per cent. 22½ per cent. 22½ per cent. 7½ per cent. 22½ per cent.	47½ per cent. 32½ per cent. 47½ per cent. 17½ per cent. 7½ per cent. 15 per cent. 50 per cent. 22½ per cent. 22½ per cent. 7½ per cent. 22½ per cent.”

DIVISION X.—WOOD, WICKER, AND CANE.

302. By omitting the item and inserting in its stead the following item:— “ 302. (A) Tool handles— (1) Axe, adze, hammer over 24 inches, mattock and pick - - per dozen or ad val. whichever rate returns the higher duty. (2) For non-mechanical saws - - ad val. (3) Other - - ad val. (B) Frames for non-mechanical saws - - ad val.	2s. 3d. 20 per cent. 22½ per cent. 20 per cent. 22½ per cent.	4s. 6d. 40 per cent. 47½ per cent. 40 per cent. 47½ per cent.	4s. 6d. 40 per cent. 47½ per cent. 40 per cent. 47½ per cent.”
303. By omitting from sub-item (A) the following words:— “ saw frames; ”.			

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12. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS IN REPLY.—Mr. Speaker reported that, accompanied by honorable Members, he had waited that day upon His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth at Government House, and had presented to him the Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech on the Opening of the Third Session of the Twenty-third Parliament, agreed to by the House on the 22nd March, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make the following reply:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Thank you for your Address in Reply which you have just presented to me.

It will afford me much pleasure to convey to Her Most Gracious Majesty The Queen, the Message of Loyalty from the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, to which the Address gives expression.

13. INVESTMENTS OF LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES AND SUPERANNUATION FUNDS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement outlining the intentions of the Government with respect to legislation which it proposed to introduce concerning the investments of life insurance companies and superannuation and provident funds.

14. SALES TAX (EXEMPTIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS) BILL 1961.—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.)

Clause 1—

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

The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly.

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

15. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

FRIDAY, 24TH MARCH, 1961.

Debate continued.

Member named and suspended.—Mr. Speaker named the honorable Member for Riverina (Mr. Robertson) for refusing to withdraw an offensive remark.

Mr. Hasluck (Minister for Territories) moved, That the honorable Member for Riverina be suspended from the service of the House.

Question—put and passed.

The honorable Member was, therefore, suspended at seven minutes past twelve o'clock midnight for twenty-four hours under Standing Order No. 302, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Debate continued.

Question—That the House do now adjourn—put and passed.

And then the House, at thirteen minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until Tuesday, the 11th April, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Allan*, Mr. Bird, Mr. Brimblecombe, Mr. Chipp, Mr. Clark, Mr. Cope, Mr. Erwin, Mr. Fairhall, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Griffiths, Mr. Hulme, Mr. Kelly, Mr. King, Mr. Makin, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Sexton, Mr. Snedden and Mr. Stewart.

* On leave.

N. J. PARKES,

Acting Clerk of the House of Representatives.