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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 37.

THURSDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER, 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. MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence overseas of Mr. Holt, he would act as Treasurer, Mr. Hulme (Minister for Supply) would assist in the detailed administration of the Treasury and Mr. Hasluck (Minister for Territories) would act as Leader of the House.
3. The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for postal purposes—Glendorf, Queensland.  
Repatriation Act—Repatriation Commission—Report for year 1960–61.
4. WAYS AND MEANS [“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 Ways and Means—  
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.  
Ordered—That the House will, at a later hour this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.
5. REPATRIATION 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. Griffiths), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.
6. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 24).—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—

1. That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1933–1961, 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 eighth day of September, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-one, 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:—

11th May, 1961;  
15th August, 1961; and  
17th August, 1961.

7th September, 1961.

THE SCHEDULE.  
IMPORT DUTIES.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
<b>DIVISION XIII.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.</b>			
346. By omitting sub-item (c) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item:—			
“(c) Fountain pens; pencils n.e.i.; pens n.e.i. without holders or not including holders—			
(1) Ball point pens and ball point pencils, having a value for duty not exceeding 4½d. each ad val.	Free	12½ per cent.	12½ per cent.
and, in addition, except in respect of goods in direct transit to Australia on or before 4th August, 1961, a temporary duty of each	1d.	1d.	1d.
(2) Parts n.e.i. for ball point pens and ball point pencils - - - - ad val.	Free	12½ per cent.	12½ per cent.
(3) Other - - - - - ad val.	Free	12½ per cent.	12½ per cent.”

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

The House resumed; Mr. Haworth reported accordingly.

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

7. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—

Tariff Board—Report of Deputy Chairman—Ball Point Pens.

Ordered to be printed.

8. REPATRIATION 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.

Mr. Chaney 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.

9. BERLIN—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Menzies (Minister for External Affairs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement regarding the situation in Berlin and referred to the question of a post-war settlement in Germany and the resumption of nuclear tests. Mr. Menzies then, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:—

Berlin—Ministerial Statement, 7th September, 1961.

Mr. Davidson (Postmaster-General) moved, That the Paper be printed.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Calwell—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

10. REPATRIATION 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. Pollard), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Osborne (Minister for Repatriation) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at sixteen minutes to 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. Allan, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Browne, Mr. Bury, Mr. Daly, Mr. Davies, Mr. Downer, Mr. Fairhall, Mr. Galvin, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Holt, Mr. Jess, Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Lindsay, Mr. McIvor, Mr. Snedden, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Ward.

N. J. PARKES,

Acting Clerk of the House of Representatives.