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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 49.

THURSDAY, 12TH OCTOBER, 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. PAPERS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Radio Frequency Allocation Review Committee—Report.
Mr. Davidson (Postmaster-General), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the Report.
Ordered—That the Paper be printed.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Air Navigation Act—First Annual Report by the Minister, for year 1960–61.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land, &c., acquired for postal purposes—Illawarra Hill, South Australia.
Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Australian Capital Territory for year 1960–61.
Services Trust Funds Act—Services Canteens Trust Fund—Thirteenth Annual Report by the Trustees, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1960.
3. NEW STATES—RECOMMENDATIONS OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW.—Sir Earle Page moved, pursuant to notice, That this House give consideration to the recommendations, in relation to the formation of new States, of the Joint Committee on Constitutional Review.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Whitlam moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the motion:—" and the reference by the Committee, in connexion with those recommendations, to marketing problems arising from the creation of new States".
Debate continued.
Debate adjourned (Mr. C. R. Cameron), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.
4. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 30).—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 thirteenth day of October, 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;
17th August, 1961;
7th September, 1961;
14th September, 1961; and
5th October, 1961.

12th October, 1961.

THE SCHEDULE.
IMPORT DUTIES.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
DIVISION XIV.—VEHICLES.			
359. By omitting paragraph (1) of sub-item (d) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph:—			
“ (1) (a) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws - ad val.	35 per cent.	42½ per cent.	42½ per cent.
(b) Distributors, whether imported separately or otherwise - ad val.	27½ per cent.	35 per cent.	35 per cent.
and, in addition, except in respect of goods in direct transit to Australia on or before 7th September, 1961, a temporary duty of - ad val.	7½ per cent.	7½ per cent.	7½ per cent.
(c) High tension ignition coils, whether imported separately or otherwise - ad val.	27½ per cent.	35 per cent.	35 per cent.
and, in addition, except in respect of goods in direct transit to Australia on or before 7th September, 1961, a temporary duty of - ad val.	7½ per cent.	7½ per cent.	7½ per cent.
(d) Automatic voltage regulators for 6 volt or 12 volt systems, whether imported separately or otherwise - ad val.	Free	7½ per cent.	7½ per cent.
and, in addition, except in respect of goods in direct transit to Australia on or before 7th September, 1961, a temporary duty of - ad val.	35 per cent.	35 per cent.	35 per cent.
(e) Generators or starting motors, 6 volt or 12 volt, whether imported separately or otherwise ad val.	27½ per cent.	35 per cent.	35 per cent.
and, in addition, except in respect of goods in direct transit to Australia on or before 7th September, 1961, a temporary duty of - ad val.	7½ per cent.	7½ per cent.	7½ per cent.”

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

The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly.

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

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

Tariff Board—Report of Deputy Chairman—Automotive Electrical Equipment.

Ordered to be printed.

6. NEW STATES—RECOMMENDATIONS OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Sir Earle Page, That this House give consideration to the recommendations, in relation to the formation of new States, of the Joint Committee on Constitutional Review—*And on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Whitlam, viz.:*—That the following words be added to the motion:—“and the reference by the Committee, in connexion with those recommendations, to marketing problems arising from the creation of new States”—

Debate resumed.

At six o'clock p.m., the time allotted for the consideration of the motion having expired, the debate was interrupted, Mr. Allan was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed, and the resumption of the debate was made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

7. SUPERANNUATION (PENSION INCREASES) BILL 1961.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for Increases in certain Superannuation Pensions.

Question—put and passed.

Bill brought up, and read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

8. DEFENCE FORCES RETIREMENT BENEFITS (PENSION INCREASES) BILL 1961.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for Increases in certain Defence Forces Retirement Pensions.

Question—put and passed.

Bill brought up, and read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

9. INTERNATIONAL FINANCE CORPORATION BILL 1961.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *International Finance Corporation Act 1955*.

Question—put and passed.

Bill brought up, and read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

10. INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 3) 1961.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to Income Tax.

Question—put and passed.

Bill brought up, and read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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11. NORTHERN TERRITORY (ADMINISTRATION) BILL 1961.—Mr. Hasluck (Minister for Territories) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Northern Territory (Administration) Act 1910–1959*.
 Question—put and passed.
 Bill brought up, and read a first time.
 Mr. Hasluck moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr. Barnard), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
12. ENGINEERING SERVICES TO RAPID CREEK SUBDIVISION STAGE 2B, DARWIN—APPROVAL OF WORK.—Mr. Freeth (Minister for Works) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1913–1960*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the Committee has duly reported to this House:—Provision of Engineering Services to Rapid Creek Subdivision Stage 2B, at Darwin, Northern Territory.
 Question—put and passed.
13. EXPLOSIVES BILL 1961.—Mr. Opperman (Minister for Shipping and Transport) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to Explosives.
 Question—put and passed.
 Bill brought up, and read a first time.
 Mr. Opperman 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.
14. LOAN (HOUSING) 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.)

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

The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly.
 On the motion of Mr. Osborne (Minister for Repatriation), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

15. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Osborne (Minister for Repatriation) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Closure.—Mr. Osborne moved, That the question be now put.
 Question—That the question be now put—put.
 The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. McLeay, in the Chair)—

AYES, 52.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Chresby	Mr. Fox	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Allan	Mr. Davidson	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. King	Mr. Turner
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Davis	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Aston	Mr. Dean	Mr. Halbert	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bandidt	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. McColm	Mr. Whittorn
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Murray	Mr. Wight
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Drury	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Failes	Mr. Howson	Mr. Osborne	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jack	Mr. Robertson	
Mr. Cash	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Jess	Mr. Snedden	Mr. Pearce
Mr. Chipp	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Stokes	Mr. Turnbull

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Mr. Barnard	Mr. Cope	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Makin	Mr. Ward
Mr. Beaton	Mr. Costa	Mr. Harrison	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Courtney	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Peters	
Mr. Bird	Mr. Crean	Mr. James	Mr. Pollard	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Reynolds	Mr. Duthie
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Jones	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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And then the House, at twenty-seven minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, 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. Bowden*, Mr. Bury*, Mr. Cramer, Mr. Daly*, Mr. Davies, Mr. Erwin*, Mr. Fairhall, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Galvin*, Mr. Lawson*, Mr. Mackinnon, Mr. Minogue*, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Russell, Mr. Sexton, Mr. Townley and Mr. Uren.

* On leave.

N. J. PARKES,
Acting Clerk of the House of Representatives.