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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 43.

TUESDAY, 2ND OCTOBER, 1962.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Sir John McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. RETURN TO WRIT—BATMAN DIVISION.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a Return to the Writ which he had issued on the 31st July last for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Batman, in the State of Victoria, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Alan Charles Bird, Esquire, and that by the endorsement on the Writ, it was certified that Samuel James Benson had been elected.
3. MEMBER SWORN.—Samuel James Benson, Esquire, was introduced, and made and subscribed the Oath required by law.
4. DEATH OF SENATOR M. W. POULTER.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) referred to the death on the 2nd September of Senator M. W. Poulter, and moved, That this House expresses its deep regret at the death of Senator Maxwell William Poulter, a Senator for the State of Queensland, and tenders its profound sympathy to his widow and family in their bereavement.
And Mr. Calwell (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr. McEwen (Minister for Trade) having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
Question—passed.
5. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were answered.
6. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Banks Act—Commonwealth Banking Corporation, Commonwealth Development Bank of Australia, Commonwealth Savings Bank of Australia, Commonwealth Trading Bank of Australia—Reports and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's reports thereon, for year 1961–62.
The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth—
Public Service Board—Preliminary Statement on the Public Service for year 1961–62.
Wool Research Act—Interim Annual Report for year 1961–62.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Apple and Pear Organization Act—Australian Apple and Pear Board—Sixteenth Annual Report, for year 1961–62, together with Statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.
Bankruptcy Act—Thirty-fourth Annual Report by the Attorney-General, for year 1961–62.
Cattle and Beef Research Act—Australian Cattle and Beef Research Committee—Second Annual Report, for year 1961–62.
Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1962, Nos. 82, 83.
Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1962, No. 75.
Explosives Act—Explosives Regulations—Order—Berthing of a vessel.
Export Payments Insurance Corporation Act—Export Payments Insurance Corporation—Sixth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's report, for year 1961–62.
International Finance Corporation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1962, No. 73.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for postal purposes—
Glencoe, New South Wales.
Moss Vale, New South Wales.
Murtho, South Australia.
Parramatta, New South Wales.
Poison Water Holes, New South Wales.
Yetholme, New South Wales.
Native Members of the Forces Benefits Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1962, No. 77.
Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1962, No. 81.

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Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1962, Nos. 72, 74.

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinance—1962—No. 32—Local Government (Valuations Emergency).

Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinances—1962—

- No. 31—Public Service.
- No. 32—Emergency Provisions.
- No. 33—Explosives.
- No. 34—Arbitration (Public Service).
- No. 35—Mines and Works Regulation (New Guinea).

Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1962, No. 78.

Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—

- Territories—J. T. Rice.
- Works—C. B. Ford, G. M. Niall.

Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations—1962—

- No. 38—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.
- No. 39—P.M.G.'s Department Commonwealth Telegraph Traffic and Supervisory Officers' Association.
- No. 40—Hospital Employees' Federation of Australia.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—

National Memorials Ordinance—Determination naming two Divisions of the Canberra City District, dated 13th September, 1962.

Ordinances—1962—

- No. 9—Canberra Community Hospital.
- No. 10—Workmen's Compensation.
- No. 11—Trustee Companies.

Regulations—1962—No. 8 (Building and Services Ordinance).

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Australian Capital Territory for year 1961–62.

Trade Commissioners Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1962, No. 80.

War Precautions Act Repeal Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1962, No. 79.

Wine Overseas Marketing Act—Australian Wine Board—Thirty-fourth Annual Report, for year 1961–62, together with Statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.

7. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENTS (Nos. 42 TO 45).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In the Committee.*)

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

CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 42).

1. That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1933–1962, as proposed to be amended by Customs Tariff Proposals, be further amended as set out in the Schedule to these Proposals, and that the amendment operate, and be deemed to have operated, on and after the seventh day of September, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-two, and that 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:—

2nd May, 1962;
10th May, 1962;
15th May, 1962;
8th August, 1962;
16th August, 1962;
23rd August, 1962; and
30th August, 1962.

THE SCHEDULE.

IMPORT DUTIES.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
DIVISION V.—TEXTILES, FELTS AND FURS, AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND ATTIRE.			
120. By omitting sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (1) of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following sub-paragraph:— " (b) Other— - - - - ad val. or per dozen whichever rate returns the higher duty and, in addition, a temporary duty as follows:— for each 1d. or part thereof by which the F.O.B. price is less than 2s. 9d. per dozen - per dozen provided that, in respect of such goods in direct transit to Australia on 7th August, 1962 which are entered for home consumption on arrival, no additional temporary duty shall be payable."	20 per cent. ..	37½ per cent. 1s.	45 per cent. 1s.

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CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 43).

1. That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1933-1962, as proposed to be amended by Customs Tariff Proposals, be further amended as set out in the Schedule to these Proposals, and that the amendment operate, and be deemed to have operated, on and after the fourteenth day of September, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-two, and that 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:—

2nd May, 1962;
10th May, 1962;
15th May, 1962;
8th August, 1962;
16th August, 1962;
23rd August, 1962; and
30th August, 1962.

THE SCHEDULE.
IMPORT DUTIES.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
DIVISION XVI.—MISCELLANEOUS.			
369. By omitting paragraph (4) of sub-item (d) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph:— " (4) Of a type not included in any other paragraph of this sub-item— (a) Of the unsaturated polyester type, viz.:— Sheets, strip and plates reinforced with glass fibres and having a cross section profile corrugated, castellated, sawtoothed and the like, ad val. and, in addition, a temporary duty of 7½ per cent. per square foot provided that, in respect of such goods in direct transit to Australia on 10th August, 1962 which are entered for home consumption on arrival, no additional temporary duty shall be payable. (b) Other ad val.	Free 1s.	7½ per cent. 1s.	7½ per cent. 1s.
	Free	7½ per cent.	7½ per cent."

CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 44).

1. That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1933-1962, as proposed to be amended by Customs Tariff Proposals, be further amended as set out in the Schedule to these Proposals, and that the amendment operate, and be deemed to have operated, on and after the twenty-first day of September, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-two, and that 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:—

2nd May, 1962;
10th May, 1962;
15th May, 1962;
8th August, 1962;
16th August, 1962;
23rd August, 1962; and
30th August, 1962.

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.

120. By omitting paragraph (3) of sub-item (b) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph:— " (3) Bed sheets, pillow cases, of cotton or containing a mixture of fibres in which cotton predominates— (a) Bed sheets ad val. (b) Pillow cases in sizes larger than 18 inches in length or 15 inches in width and having a value for duty not exceeding £1 13s. 4d. per dozen ad val. and, in addition, a temporary duty of £2 10s. less ad val. provided that, in respect of such goods in direct transit to Australia on 14th August, 1962 which are entered for home consumption on arrival, no additional temporary duty shall be payable. (c) Other ad val.	22½ per cent. 22½ per cent. 22½ per cent.	45 per cent. 45 per cent. 45 per cent.	50 per cent. 50 per cent. 50 per cent.
	22½ per cent.	45 per cent.	50 per cent."

CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 45).

1. That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1933-1962, as proposed to be amended by Customs Tariff Proposals, be further amended as set out in the Schedule to these Proposals, and that the amendment operate, and be deemed to have operated, on and after the twenty-eighth day of September, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-two, and that 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:—

2nd May, 1962;
10th May, 1962;
15th May, 1962;
8th August, 1962;
16th August, 1962;
23rd August, 1962; and
30th August, 1962.

THE SCHEDULE.
IMPORT DUTIES.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
DIVISION IX.—DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.			
280. By omitting sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (3) of sub-item (k) and inserting in its stead the following sub-paragraph:— “(b) 2, 4, 5-trichlorophenoxyacetic acid and preparations containing 20 per cent. or more of 2, 4, 5-trichlorophenoxyacetic acid; esters and salts of 2, 4, 5-trichlorophenoxyacetic acid, including preparations thereof containing the equivalent of 20 per cent. or more of 2, 4, 5-trichlorophenoxyacetic acid - ad val. and, in addition, a temporary duty of - per lb.	15 per cent. 1s. 3d.	22½ per cent. 1s. 3d.	22½ per cent. 1s. 3d.”

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.

8. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth—

Tariff Board Act—Special Advisory Authority—Report—Citrus juices.

Ordered to be printed.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Tariff Board Act—Special Advisory Authority—Reports—

Handkerchiefs.

Pillow cases.

Plastic building sheets.

2, 4, 5-Trichlorophenoxyacetic acid, its esters and salts and certain preparations thereof.

Weedicides and insecticides.

Severally ordered to be printed.

9. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES 1962-63.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

Ordered—That the Votes be considered in the following order, either separately or together, as shown:—

Parliament.

Prime Minister's Department.

Department of External Affairs.

Department of the Treasury, and
Advance to the Treasurer

} together.

Attorney-General's Department.

Department of the Interior, and
Department of Works

} together.

Department of Civil Aviation, and
Department of Shipping and Transport

} together.

Department of Customs and Excise;
Department of Trade, and
Department of Primary Industry

} together.

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Department of Territories, and Territories of the Commonwealth— Northern Territory; Australian Capital Territory; Norfolk Island; Papua and New Guinea; Cocos (Keeling) Islands, and Christmas Island	} together.
Department of Health; Department of Social Services; War and Repatriation Services, and Payments to or for the States—Department of Health	
Department of Immigration, and Department of Labour and National Service	} together.
Department of National Development, and Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization	
Defence Services— Department of Defence; Department of the Navy; Department of the Army; Department of Air; Department of Supply, and General Services	} together.
Business Undertakings— Commonwealth Railways; Postmaster-General's Department, and Broadcasting and Television Services	

Remainder of Vote—"Parliament, £1,352,000"—debated and agreed to.

Vote—"Prime Minister's Department, £12,463,000"—debated.

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.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Downer (Minister for Immigration) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at one minute past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Brimblecombe, Mr. Davies, Mr. James, Mr. McIvor and Mr. Stokes.

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