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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 79.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 17TH NOVEMBER, 1910.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. WAYS AND MEANS [TARIFF ANOMALIES].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

*(In the Committee.)*

Debate resumed on the motion of Mr. Tudor (*see page 228 ante*) that certain amendments be made in Schedule A to the *Customs Tariff* 1908.

After further debate, the motion referred to was agreed to with the following amendments :—

Item 107, omit "material" and insert "materials".

Item 206, after "Gimp," insert "solid-headed".

Item 356, lines 4 and 5 (on page 7), omit "brown, cap, casing, sealing, nature or ochre brown, sulphite, sugar," and insert "browns, caps, casings, sealings, nature or ochre browns, sulphites, sugars,".

Resolution to be reported and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. W. Elliot Johnson reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

And the said Resolution was, on the motion of Mr. Tudor, read, and adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Tudor and Mr. Hughes do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

3. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :—

*(Naval Appropriation)*—

DUDLEY,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 35.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of Two million five hundred and ninety thousand pounds for Naval Defence,*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,

12th November, 1910.

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*(Patents Trade Marks and Designs)*—

DUDLEY,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 36.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the administration of the ' Patents Act 1903-1909 ', the ' Trade Marks Act 1905 ', and the ' Designs Act 1906 '*", as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,  
15th November, 1910.

*(Land Tax)*—

DUDLEY,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 37.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act to impose a Progressive Land Tax upon Unimproved Values*", as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,  
16th November, 1910.

*(Northern Territory Acceptance)*—

DUDLEY,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 38.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the Acceptance of the Northern Territory as a Territory under the Authority of the Commonwealth and for the carrying out of the Agreement for the Surrender and Acceptance*", as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,  
16th November, 1910.

*(Shale Oils Bounties)*—

DUDLEY,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 39.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the Payment of Bounties on the Manufacture of Kerosene and Paraffin Wax from Australian Shale*", as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,  
17th November, 1910.

*(Land Tax Assessment)*—

DUDLEY,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 40.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the Imposition, Assessment, and Collection of a Land Tax upon Unimproved Values*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,  
17th November, 1910.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CUSTOMS BILL (1910).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

*Message No. 42.*

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to amend the ' Customs Act 1901 '*", and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 16th November, 1910.

H. TURLEY,  
President.

5. CUSTOMS BILL (1910).—Mr. Tudor moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Ordered, by leave—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

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6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—NAVAL DEFENCE BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 43.

The Senate has agreed to the amendment made by the House of Representatives in the Bill for "*An Act relating to Naval Defence.*"

H. TURLEY,  
President.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 17th November, 1910.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIES PRESERVATION BILL (1910).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 44.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the Australian Industries Preservation Act 1906-1909,*" to which it has agreed with the amendments indicated in the annexed Schedule, in which amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

H. TURLEY,  
President.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 17th November, 1910.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration forthwith.

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

No. 1.—Page 2, clause 7, line 45, after "him" insert "or make him liable to a penalty".

No. 2.—Page 3, after clause 7, add the following new clause :—

"8. Section fifteen B of the Principal Act is amended by inserting in sub-section (4.), after the words 'criminate him,' the words 'or make him liable to a penalty'."

Power to require persons to answer questions and produce documents.

On the motion of Mr. Hughes the House agreed to the amendments.

8. PAPER.—Mr. Hughes presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Insurance—Royal Commission Report—Part II.—Fire Insurance.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That Orders of the Day, Nos. 2 and 3 be postponed until after Order of the Day, No. 4.

10. REFERENDUM (CONSTITUTION ALTERATION) BILL (1910).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. O'Malley moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2 read.

On the motion of Mr. Hughes the following amendments were made, after debate :—

Line 10, after "amended" insert "(a)".

At end of clause add—

"and (b) by adding at the commencement of section seventeen the words 'The Governor General, or any person authorized by him, may appoint one scrutineer and'".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

Mr. Hughes moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Mr. O'Malley, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

11. CUSTOMS BILL (1910).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Tudor moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Fuller moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for this day, at a later hour.

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12. CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL (1910).—Mr. Tudor, pursuant to an Order of the House made this day, brought up a Bill, intituled “*A Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Customs*,” and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Tudor moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

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(*In the Committee.*)

Clauses 1 to 4 agreed to.

Schedule read.

On the motion of Mr. Tudor, the following amendment was made:—

Item 206. After the word “solid-headed” omit the comma.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

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The House resumed; Mr. W. Elliot Johnson reported accordingly.

Mr. Tudor moved, pursuant to contingent notice given by Mr. Hughes, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Mr. Tudor, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

13. CUSTOMS BILL (1910).—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. Cook moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

14. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Beard, Mr. Carr, Mr. Catts, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Fisher, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Frazer, Mr. Hans Irvine, Mr. W. J. Johnson, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Page, Mr. Sinclair, and Mr. Wynne.

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C. GAVAN DUFFY,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*