THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 150.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 21st JUNE, 1921.

- 1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Deputy-Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Audit Act—Transfers approved by the Governor-General in Council of Amounts from any Item to any other Item of the same Sub-division of the Estimates of Expenditure, 1920-21, dated 15th June, 1921.
- 3. WAYS AND MEANS [THE TARIFF].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

[See reprinted Tariff, which incorporates the proposed Resolutions of 24th March, 1920 (vide pages 36-88 ante), as amended by the proposed Resolutions of 16th September, 1920 (vide pages 321-6, ante).]

Item 269, viz.:—

	Br!tish Preferential Tariff.	Preferential Intermediate		
269. (A) Sheep, Cattle, and Horse Washes, in liquid or powder form ad val. (B) Insecticides and Disinfectants in liquid form in drums or other vessels containing not	20 per cent.	20 per cent.	30 per cent.	
less than 5 gallons, and, when in other than liquid form, in packages containing not less than 28 lb ad val. (c) Preparations being Formaldehyde or containing Formaldehyde, n.e.i.; Insecti-	20 per cent.	20 per cent.	30 per cent.	
cides and Disinfectants, n.e.i.; Weed, Scrub, and Tree Killers, n.e.i ad val.	25 per cent.	25 per cent.	35 per cent.	
Mr. Corser moved, That the Item be amended by adding the	following to	sub-item (A):-	_	
	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.	
" And on and after 22nd June, 1921 ad val.	30 per cent.	30 per cent.	40 per cent."	

Amendment negatived.

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Mr. Fleming moved, That the Item be amended by adding the following to sub-item (A):-

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
" And on and after 22nd June, 1921 ad val.	10 per cent.	30 per cent.	40 per cent."

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

·	Ayes, 9.	Noes	, 27.
Mr. Atkinson Mr. Bell Mr. Fleming Mr. Gibson Mr. Gregory Mr. Jowett	Ayes, 9. Mr. Stewart Tellers: Mr. Robert Cook Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Anstey Mr. Bamford Mr. Bayley Sir Robert Best Mr. Bowden Mr. Donald Cameron Mr. Charlton Sir Joseph Cook Mr. Corser	Mr. Lister Mr. Mackay Mr. W. Maloney Mr. Mathews Mr. Parker Moloney Mr. Riley Mr. Rodgers Sir Granville Ryrie Mr. Laird Smith
		Mr. Corser Mr. Cunningham Mr. Fenton	Mr. Wise
	•	Mr. Gabb Mr. Greene	Tellers:
		Mr. Groom	Mr. Mahony
	!	Mr. Hav	Mr. Story

And so it was negatived.

Item further debated.

Sir Robert Best moved, That the Item be amended by adding the following to sub-item (A):-

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
" And on and after 22nd June, 1921 ad val.	25 per cent.	25 per cent.	35 per cent."

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided-

Ayes,	22.
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Mr. Anstey	Mr. Mahony
Mr. Bayley	Mr. W. Maloney
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Parker Molone
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Corser	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Wise
Mr. Greene	
Mr. Groom	Tellers :
Mr. Lister	Mr. Charlton
Mr. Mackay	Mr. Story

Noes, 14.

Mr. Atkinson
Mr. Bamford
Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Donald Cameron
Mr. Robert Cook
Mr. Fleming
Mr. R. W. Foster
Mr. Gabb
Mr. Bell
Mr. Hay
Mr. Gibson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Greene moved, That the Item be further amended by adding the following:-

·	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tarifi.
"On and after 22nd June, 1921 (D) Nicotine Spraying Preparations	Free	Free	Free ''

Amendment agreed to.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Items 270 to 273 agreed to.

Item 274, viz.:—			
·	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
274. Bromide Salts; Cyanide of Potassium and Cyanide of Sodium ad val.	Free	Free	10 per cent
Mr. Greene moved, That the Item be amended by adding Amendment agreed to. Item, as amended, agreed to. Item 275, viz.:—	"; Hydrosul	phites '' after	"Sodium".
	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
275. Hydrosulphites ad val.	Free	Free	10 per cent.
Mr. Greene moved, That the Item be amended by omitting—	.	···	<u> </u>
	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
"Hydrosulphites ad val.	Free	Free	10 per cent.
and by substituting therefor the following:—	<u>'</u>		1
	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
"On and after 22nd June, 1921 (A) Sulphur per ton (B) Pyrites per ton (c) Pyrites the produce of Papua or of any Island or Territory belonging to or administered under mandate by the Commonwealth	30s. 15s.	40s. 20s.	50s. 25s.
5s. per ton	••		"
Ar. Hay moved, That the proposed amendment be amended (General Tariff column) and inserting in place thereof "60 Debate ensued. Amendment to the proposed amendment, by leave, with dand the original amendment having, by leave, been amended.	0s.'' rawn.		(A) :" 50s."
 .	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
"On and after 22nd June, 1921 (A) Sulphur per ton (B) Pyrites per ton (C) Pyrites the produce of Papua or of any Island or Territory belonging to or	15s. 15s.	20s. 20s.	50s. 25s.
administered under mandate by the Commonwealth 5s. per ton			,,
—was agreed to. tem, as amended, agreed to. tem 276, viz. :—			I.
<u> </u>	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
276. (A) Salt Cake ad val. (B) Soda Crystals ad val.	15 per cent. 25 per cent.	20 per cent. 35 per cent.	25 per cent. 45 per cent.

Debate ensucd.

Mr. Greene moved, That the Item be amended by inserting the following in sub-item (B) after "25 per cent." (British Preferential Tariff column):—"; and on and after 22nd June, 1921, 20 per cent."

Amendment agreed to.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Item 277 agreed to.

Item 278, viz. :--

		British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff:	General Tariff.
278.	Carbonate and Bicarbonate of Soda ad val. And on and after 1st January, 1921	Free	Free	10 per cent.
278.	(A) Carbonate and Bicarbonate of Soda, Soda Ash, and Soda Silicate per ton or ad val. whichever rate returns the higher duty	40s. 25 per cent.	60s. 35 per cent.	80s. 45 per cent.
	(B) Caustic Soda, Bleaching Powder, and Chlorine per ton or ad val.	60s. 25 per cent.	80s. 35 per cent.	100s. 45 per cent.
	whichever rate returns the higher duty (c) Sulphur Chloride and Carbon Tetrachloride ad val.	25 per cent.	35 per cent.	45 per cent.

Mr. Greene moved, That the Item be amended by adding the following:-

· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.	
"And on and after the dates hereinafter specified—				
278. (A) (1) Carbonate and Bicarbonate of Soda, and			•	
Soda Silicate—				
On and after 1st January, 1922	Į			
per ton	40s.	60s.	80s.	
or ad val.	25 per cent.	35 per cent.	45 per cent.	
whichever rate returns the higher duty				
(2) Soda Ash—on and after 1st October, 1922				
per ton	40s.	60s.	80s.	
or ad val.	25 per cent.	35 per cent.	45 per cent.	
whichever rate returns the higher duty	_	-	1	
(B) (1) Caustic Soda—on and after 1st October,				
1921 per ton	60s.	80s.	100s.	
or ad val.	25 per cent.	35 per cent.	45 per cent.	
whichever rate returns the higher duty	_		_	
(2) Bleaching Powder, and Chlorine—				
on and after 1st January, 1921				
per ton	60s.	80s.	100s.	
or ad val.	25 per cent.	35 per cent.	45 per cent.	
whichever rate returns the higher duty	· -	-	1 -	
(c) Sulphur Chloride and Carbon Tetrachloride				
on and after 1st January, 1921				
ad val.	25 per cent.	35 per cent.	45 per cent."	
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Debate ensued.

Amendment agreed to.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Item 279, viz.:--

· 	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
279. (A) Citric Acid ad val.	Free	5 per cent.	10 per cent
(B) Tartaric Acid, Cream of Tartar and Cream of Tartar Substitutes per lb.	2d.	3đ.	4d.

Debate ensued.

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Mr.	Greene	moved.	That	the	Item	be	amended	by	adding	the	following :

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
"And on and after 1st January, 1922 279. (a) Citric Acid ad val. (B) Tartaric Acid, ('ream of Tartar and Cream	25 per cent.	35 per cent.	40 per cent.
of Tartar Substitutes per lb.	2d.	3d.	4d."

Amendment agreed to.
Item, as amended, agreed to.
Item 280 agreed to.
Item 281, viz.:—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
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281. Drugs and Chemicals, viz.:— (A) Arsenic, Arsenious Chloride, Arsenic Sulphide,	•		
Arsenates of Calcium, Lead and Soda,			
Arsenites of Soda and Zinc, and other			
Arsenical preparations and mixtures			
n.e.i., containing more than 10 per cent. of Arsenic ad val.	25 per cent.	25 per cent.	35 per cent.
(B) Sulphate of Magnesia (Epsom Salts), Sulphate	25 per cont.	20 per cent.	bo per cent.
of Soda, Hyposulphite of Soda, Hypo-			,
chlorite of Soda, Phosphate of Soda,			
Carbonate of Magnesia n.e.i ad val.	20 per cent.	25 per cent.	30 per cent.
(c) Alum ad val.	20 per cent.	25 per cent.	30 per cent.
(n) Calcium Chloride, Barium Chloride, Zinc Chloride and Zinc Sulphate ad val.	20 per cent.	25 per cent.	30 per cent.
(E) Lactose ad vel.	20 per cent.	25 per cent.	30 per cent.
(r) Hydrogen Peroxide ad val.	25 per cent.	30 per cent.	35 per cent.
(c) Powdered Magnesium, Sulphite of Soda,			
Nitrate of Silver, and Chloride of Gold ad val.	05	20	95 mar con4
(H) Carbon Bisulphide ad val.	25 per cent. 25 per cent.	30 per cent. 35 per cent.	35 per cent. 45 per cent.
(1) Metabisulphite of Potassium and Metabisul-	25 per cent.	oo per eene.	40 per conv.
phite of Sodium, as prescribed by Depart-			İ
mental By-laws ad val.	Free	Free	10 per cent.
(J) N.E.I. (including mixtures of Chemicals and			
mixtures of a Chemical or Chemicals with			
other substance or substances, the chemical portion being of chief value, n.e.i.)			
when not packed for use in the household			
ad val.	Free	10 per cent.	15 per cent.

Mr. Atkinson moved, That the Item be amended by adding the following after sub-item (A):--

 ·	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
"And on and after 22nd June, 1921 (AA) Arsenate of Lead ad val.	Free	15 per cent.	20 per cent."

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided-

Ayes, 1	3
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Aye	es, 13.	Noes	s, 20.
Mr. Bell Mr. Robert Cook Mr. Fleming Mr. R. W. Foster Mr. Gibson Mr. Gregory Mr. Jowett Mr. Lavelle	Mr. Lister Mr. McWilliams Mr. Stewart Tellers: Mr. Atkinson Mr. Bowden	Sir Robert Best Mr. Blakeley Mr. Donald Cameron Mr. Charlton Mr. Corser Mr. Fenton Mr. Francis Mr. Gabb Mr. Greene Mr. Groom Mr. Mackay	Mr. Mahony Mr. W. Maloney Mr. Mathews Mr. Rodgers Sir Granville Ryrie Mr. Laird Smith Mr. Wise Tellers: Mr. Riley Mr. Story

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Gregory moved, That the Item be amended by adding the following after sub-item (A):---

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
"And on and after 22nd June, 1921 (AA) Arsenate of Lead ad vel.	10 per cent.	25 per cent.	35 per cent."

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided-

Ayes, 14.

Mr. Lavelle Mr. Lister Mr. McWilliams

Mr. Robert Cook Mr. Fleming Mr. Gibson

Mr. Atkinson

Mr. Brennan

Mr. Bell

Mr. Gregory Mr. Jowett

Mr. Stewart

Tellers: Mr. Bowden Mr. R. W. Foster

Noes, 22.

Mr. Bamford Mr. Mackay Mr. Mahony Mr. W. Maloney Sir Robert Best Mr. Blakeley Mr. Donald Cameron Mr. Mathews Mr. Charlton Mr. Rodgers Sir Granville Ryrie

Sir Joseph Cook Mr. Corser Mr. Fenton

Mr. Francis Mr. Gabb Mr. Greene

Mr. Groom

Tellers: Mr. Riley Mr. Story

Mr. Wise

Mr. Laird Smith

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Jowett moved, That the Item be amended by adding the following after sub-item (A):---

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
. "And on and after 22nd June, 1921 (AA) Arsenate of Lead ad val.	15 per cent.	25 per cent.	35 per cent.''

Amendment negatived.

Mr. Greene moved, That the Item be amended by adding the following to sub-item (A):-

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
"And on and after 22nd June, 1921 (A) Arsenic, Arsenic's Chloride, Arsenic Sulphide, Arsenates of Calcium, Lead and Soda, Arsenites of Soda and Zinc ad val.	25 per cent.	25 per cent.	35 per cent."

Amendment agreed to.

Debate on Item continued.

Mr. Greene moved, That the Item be further amended by adding the following to sub-item (c):-

	British Preferential Teriff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
"And on and after 22nd June, 1921 (c) (1) Alum ad val. (2) Alum Cake per ton (3) Sulphate of Alumina, including Alumina Ferric per ton	20 per cent.	25 per cent.	30 per cent.
	£2	£3	£3
	£4	£5 10s.	£5 10s."

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Mr. Greene moved, That the Item be further amended by addir	g the following after sub-item (J):-
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	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
" And on and after 22nd June, 1921			
(J) Drugs, crude:—Roots, viz.:—Calumbae,			
Dandelion, Gentian, Ipecacuanha, Orris,	,		
Rhubarb, Sarsaparilla, Senegae and			
Squill; Barks, viz.:—Cascara Sagrada,			
Cinchona and Wild Cherry; Leaves, viz.:			
—Belladonna and Buchu; Ergot; Pyre- thrum Flowers, in packages containing	i		
	Free	Free	Free
(κ) Chlorate of Potash—on and after 22nd June.	1 1166	Tree	riee
1921	Free	Free	Free
(L) N.E.I.—On and after 22nd June, 1921-	1	1100	2100
(1) When not packed for retail sale			_
ad val.	Free	10 per cent.	15 per cent.
(2) When packed for retail sale ad val.	15 per cent.	20 per cent.	25 per cent."
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Amendment agreed to.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Item 282 agreed to.

Item 283, viz.:---

		British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
283. Sulphate of Copper	 per ton	£5	£10	£10

Debate ensued.

Mr. Greene moved, That the Item be amended by adding the following:-

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tarlif.	General Tariff.
" And on and after 22nd June, 1921 per ton	£3	£7	£10 "

Amendment agreed to.
Item, as amended, agreed to.
Item 284 debated and agreed to.

Item 285, viz.:-

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
285. Medicines:— (A) Pharmaceutical Preparations; Patent and Proprietary Medicines and Drugs, and other Medicinal Preparations; Chemicals and Drugs packed for use in the house-hold, n.e.i.; Medicinal Extracts; Essences; Juices; Infusions; Solutions; Emulsions; Confections; Syrups; Pills; Pilules; Tabloids; Soloids; Ovoids; Tablets; Capsules; Cachets; Suppositories; Pessaries n.e.i.; Poultices; Salves; Cerates; Ointments; Liniments; Lotions; Pastes and the like; Medicinal Waters		•	•
and Compounded Medicinal Oils; Medicines for Animals ad val.	25 per cent.	30 per cent.	35 per cent.

Item 285—continued.

	British Preferential Tariff.	 Intermediate Tariff,	General Tariff.
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285. Medicines—continued. (B) Spirituous ad val. (Or according to the rates provided in Item 9, whichever rate returns the higher duty.) (C) Medicines and other preparations included in sub-items (A) and (B), and not being	25 per cent.	30 per cent.	35 per cent.
similar to the medicines and other pre- parations made in the Commonwealth, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws ad val. (Or when spirituous according to the rates provided in Item 9, whichever rate returns the higher duty.)	15 per cent.	20 per cent.	25 per cent

Mr. Greene moved, That the Item be amended by adding the following to sub-item (A):-

·	British Preferential Tariff,	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
"And on and after 22nd June, 1921 (A) Pharmaceutical Preparations; Patent and Proprietary Medicines and Drugs, and other Medicinal Preparations; Medicinal Extracts; Essences; Juices; Infusions; Solutions; Emulsions; Confections; Syrups; Pills; Pilules; Tabloids; Soloids; Ovoids; Tablets; Capsules; Cachets; Suppositories; Pessaries n.e.i.; Poultices; Salves; Cerates; Ointments; Liniments; Lotions; Pastes and the like; Medicinal Waters and Compounded Medicinal Oils; Medicines for Animals ad val.	25 per cent.	30 per cent.	35 per cent.''

Amendment agreed to.
Item, as amended, agreed to.
Item 286 agreed to.
Item 287 debated and agreed to.
Items 288 and 289 agreed to.
Item 290, viz.:—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
290. (A) Petroleum Jelly, in packages containing not less than 3 cwt ad val. (B) Fuller's earth, in bulk per cwt. (c) Perfumery; Perfumed Ammonia; Toilet Preparations (perfumed or not) non-spirituous	Free ls.	Free 1s.	10 per cent. 1s. 3d.
n.e.i., and spirituous when the duty payable under Item 9 is less than that payable under this item; Petroleum Jelly n.e.i. ad val.		40 per cent.	45 per cent.
(D) Perfumes, artificial (synthetic), in concentrated form, including synthetic essential oils and mixtures of synthetic and natural essential oils, non-spirituous, for manufacturing purposes, as prescribed by		77	10
Departmental By-laws ad val. (E) Perfumes, artificial (synthetic), in concertrated form, including synthetic essential oils and mixtures of synthetic and natural essential oils, non-spirituous—	Free	Free	10 per cent.
(1) When in liquid form per fluid ounce (2) When not in liquid form per ounce	3s. 9d. 3s. 9d.	3s. 9d. 3s. 9d.	4s. 9d. 4s. 9d.

Mr. Greene moved, That the Item be amended by adding the following to sub-item (E):-

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
"And on and after 22nd June, 1921 (1) When in liquid form per fluid ounce or ad val. whichever rate returns the higher duty (2) When not in liquid form per ounce or ad val. whichever rate returns the higher duty"	3s. 9d.	3s. 9d.	4s. 9d.
	20 per cent.	25 per cent.	30 per cent.
	3s. 9d.	3s. 9d.	4s. 9d.
	20 per cent.	25 per cent.	30 per cent.

Amendment agreed to.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

By leave, Item 275, as previously amended and agreed to, viz.:-

•	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
275. On and after 22nd June, 1921— (A) Sulphur per ton (B) Pyrites	15s. 15s.	20s. 20s.	50s. 25s.
administered under mandate by the Commonwealth 5s. per ton		••	

was, on the motion of Mr. Greene, reconsidered, and was further amended to read as follows:--

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
275. On and after 31st October, 1921— (A) Sulphur per ton (B) Pyrites per ton (C) Pyrites the produce of Papua or of any Island or Territory belonging to or	15s. 15s.	20s. 20s.	50s. 25s.
administered under mandate by the Commonwealth 5s. per ton			

Item, as so further amended, agreed to.

Item 291-

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

The House resumed; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.

Resolved-That the House will, at its next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. Papers.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Customs Act-

Proclamation prohibiting Exportation (except under certain conditions) of "Buck" Currants—(dated 17th May, 1921).

Proclamation (dated 17th May, 1921) revoking the Proclamation (dated 16th August, 1916) which prohibited the Exportation of Butter.

Proclamation (dated 12th May, 1921) revoking the Proclamation (dated 23rd September, 1914) which prohibited the Exportation of Meat.

Treaty of Peace (Germany) Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1921, No. 109.

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5. Adjournment.—Sir Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn. Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at ten minutes past ten 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. Blundell, Mr. Bruce, Mr. Burchell, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Austin Chapman, Mr. Foley, Mr. Higgs, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hughes*, Mr. Jackson, Sir Elliot Johnson*, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Marks, Mr. Marr, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. McDonald, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Poynton*, Mr. Prowse, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Tudor*, and Mr. Wienholt.

* On leave.

WALTER A. GALE, Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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