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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 34.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER, 1922.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Message from His Excellency the Deputy of the Governor-General was received, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

STRADBROKE,

*Deputy of the Governor-General.**Message No. 17.*

Bills intituled:—

(a) *Loan Act 1922,*(b) *Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Act 1922-23,*

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Deputy of the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Acts.

Melbourne, 9th September, 1922.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—NORTHERN TERRITORY REPRESENTATION BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Deputy of the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

STRADBROKE,

*Deputy of the Governor-General.**Message No. 18.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Deputy of the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the Representation of the Northern Territory in the Parliament of the Commonwealth.

Melbourne, 8th September, 1922.

Ordered—That the consideration of the foregoing Message, in Committee of the whole House, be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

4. LAND TAX BILL (1922).—Mr. Bruce, pursuant to leave given on the 7th instant, brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Land Tax Act 1910-1918’, and to repeal the ‘Land Tax Act 1918’, the ‘Land Tax Act 1919’, and the ‘Land Tax Act 1920’,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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

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

Public Service Act—Promotion of M. B. Harry, Postmaster-General's Department.

6. TASMANIA GRANT BILL (1922).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Bruce 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.)

Bill agreed to, and to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

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

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7. **WAR PENSIONS APPROPRIATION BILL (1922)** [£10,000,000].—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Bruce moved, 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.

(In the Committee.)

Bill agreed to, and to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

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

8. **PAPER.**—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
China—Trade between the Commonwealth and—Report by Senator Thomas J. K. Bakhap.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
9. **POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.**—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 3 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 4.
10. **WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENTS.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Rodgers moved—

That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff 1921* be amended as hereunder set out and that on and after the fourteenth day of September, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-two, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, Victorian time, duties of Customs be collected in pursuance of the *Customs Tariff* as so amended.

Item No.	Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
136 (E)	By omitting from the item the whole of sub-item (E) (three times occurring) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “ (E) (1) Wire of No. 16 or finer gauge ad val. (2) Wire, fencing, of gauges No. 8 to 14, both gauges inclusive, for use only as fencing wire without further manufacture, or for such manufacturing purposes as may be prescribed by Departmental By-laws ad val. (3) Wire, other per ton	20 per cent. Free 52s.	30 per cent. 5 per cent. 72s. 6d.	35 per cent. 10 per cent. 90s.”
145	By omitting from the item the following words :— “ And on and after 1st January, 1922 per ton	72s.	90s.	110s.”
158	By omitting the whole of the item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “ 158. Wire Netting ad val.	Free	5 per cent.	10 per cent.”
177	By omitting from sub-item (A) of the item the words “ Traction Engines n.e.i. ”, and By omitting from sub-item (B) of the item the words “ of a class or kind not made in Australia, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws”.			
181	By inserting in sub-item (A) (second time occurring) after the words “ Measuring and Recording Instruments ” the words “ other than Alternating Current Recording Watt-hour Meters ” and by inserting after that sub-item (A) the following :— “ (AA) Alternating Current Recording Watt-hour Meters ad val.	35 per cent.	40 per cent.	45 per cent.”

Debate ensued.

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Motion agreed to.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

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

Ordered—That the Resolution reported from the Committee be considered at once.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Rodgers, was adopted by the House.

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

11. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 3 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 5.

12. NORTHERN TERRITORY REPRESENTATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Deputy of the Governor-General's Message No. 18—

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

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, on the motion of Sir Granville Ryrie, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the Representation of the Northern Territory in the Parliament of the Commonwealth.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.

The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Sir Granville Ryrie, was adopted by the House.

13. NORTHERN TERRITORY REPRESENTATION BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Sir Granville Ryrie moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Charlton 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 the next sitting.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at nineteen 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. Bayley, Mr. Blakeley, Mr. Blundell, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Donald Cameron, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Fenton, Mr. Foley, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Gabb, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Hay, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Lavelle*, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Makin, Mr. Parker Moloney, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. West, and Mr. Wienholt.

* On leave.

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