

1929-30.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 104.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD DECEMBER, 1930.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Norman J. O. Makin) took the Chair, and offered Prayers.
2. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—APPOINTMENT OF GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—Mr. Fenton (Acting Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement announcing that His Majesty the King had been pleased to appoint the Right Honorable Sir Isaac Alfred Isaacs, P.C., K.C.M.G., Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia, to the office of Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, in succession to His Excellency Lord Stonehaven.
3. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Gullett rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The action of the Government in permitting a lottery to be held at and controlled from Canberra for the purpose of raising money for Government uses." Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—Mr. Gullett moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Latham rising to address the House—
Closure.—Mr. Fenton (Acting Prime Minister) moved, That the question be now put.
Question—That the question be now put—put.
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Makin, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 35.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Lewis
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Long
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Lyons
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Martens
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Curtin	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Cusack	Mr. McTiernan
Mr. Eldridge	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Forde	Mr. Rowe
Mr. Frost	Mr. Tully
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Gibbons	Mr. Yates
Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. Guy	
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Jones	Mr. Price
Mr. Keane	Mr. E. C. Riley

Noes, 21.

Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Latham	
Mr. Mackay	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Marks	Mr. Hunter
Mr. Maxwell	Mr. White
Mr. Morgan	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

3rd December, 1930.

4. PAPERS.—Mr. Forde (Honorary Minister) presented the following Papers, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Tariff Board—Reports and Recommendations—

Glue in dry form, Cement and Prepared Adhesives, n.e.i., including Acetylated Starch, Caseine, Mucilage, Liquid Glue, and Belting Compounds.

Petrol imported in containers.

Web Printing Presses.

Unscoured Wool and Sheepskins.

and moved, That the Papers be printed.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Parkhill addressing the House—

Closure.—Mr. Fenton (Acting Prime Minister) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Makin, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 33.

Noes, 20.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Lewis
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Long
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Lyons
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Martens
Mr. Curtin	Mr. McGrath
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Mr. Fenton	Mr. Edward Riley
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Mr. Gregory	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Mackay	
Mr. Marks	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Hunter
Mr. Morgan	Mr. White

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Papers be printed—was put accordingly, and passed.

5. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—CHARGES FOR ACCOMMODATION ABROAD OF AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.—

Mr. Albert Green (Minister for Defence), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to recent statements concerning certain charges for accommodation, trench rents, &c., alleged to have been made during the Great War in respect of the Australian Imperial Force while abroad.

Mr. Crouch asked leave to make a Statement with reference to the matter.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

6. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY LORD SOMERS, ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency Lord Somers, Administering the Government of the Commonwealth, was received, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

SOMERS,

Administering the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia.

Message No. 54.

A Proposed Law intituled :—“*Immigration Act 1930*,” as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Person Administering the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Law.

Government House,
Canberra, 29th November, 1930.

7. MEMBER NAMED.—Mr. Speaker named the honorable Member for Corio (Mr. Lewis) for disregarding the authority of the Chair.
Mr. Lewis having expressed his regret, the matter was not further proceeded with.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 4, Government Business, be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 5.
9. WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 8) AND EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 8)].—The House, according to order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

3rd December, 1930.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Forde (Honorary Minister) moved—

1. That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1921–1930 as proposed to be amended by Tariff Proposals be further amended as hereunder set out, and that on and after the Fourth day of December, One thousand nine hundred and thirty, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Territory for the Seat of Government, Duties of Customs be collected in pursuance of the Customs Tariff as so amended.

That in this Resolution “Tariff Proposals” means the Customs Tariff Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the following dates, namely :—

- 19th June, 1930 ;
- 9th July, 1930 ;
- 25th July, 1930 ; and
- 5th November, 1930.

That, excepting by mutual agreement or until after six months' notice has been given to the Government of the Dominion of New Zealand, nothing in this Resolution shall affect any goods the produce or manufacture of the Dominion of New Zealand entering the Commonwealth of Australia from the Dominion of New Zealand.

IMPORT DUTIES.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
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DIVISION II.—TOBACCO AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF.

18. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “ 18. Tobacco, unmanufactured - - - per lb.	8s. 6d.	8s. 6d.	8s. 6d.”
19. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “ 19. Tobacco, unmanufactured, entered to be locally manufactured into Tobacco or Cigarettes—to be paid at the time of removal to the factory :— (A) Unstemmed - - - - - per lb. (B) Stemmed, or partly stemmed, or in strips - - - - - per lb.	5s. 2d. 5s. 8d.	5s. 2d. 5s. 8d.	5s. 2d. 5s. 8d.”
22. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “ 22. Cigarettes, including weight of cards and mouth-pieces contained in inside packages ; Fine Cut Tobacco, suitable for the manufacture of Cigarettes - - - - - per lb.	16s.	16s.	16s.”

DIVISION VI.—METALS AND MACHINERY.

136. By omitting the whole of sub-item (E) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “ (E) (1) Wire of No. 15 or finer gauge (Imperial Standard Wire Gauge) - - - - - ad val. (2) Wire, other - - - - - per ton	30 per cent. 52s.	45 per cent. 152s.	55 per cent. 172s.”
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DIVISION VII.—OILS, PAINTS, AND VARNISHES.

229. By omitting the whole of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “ (A) Kerosene and other Refined Petroleum Burning Oils, n.e.i. - - - - -	Free	Free	Free.”
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DIVISION X.—WOOD, WICKER, AND CANE.

291. By adding the following proviso to sub-item (L) (second occurring) :— “ Provided that the rate of duty payable on timber classifiable under this sub-item which was reported in accordance with Paragraph (a) of Section 64 of the <i>Customs Act</i> 1901–1930 before the 20th March, 1930, and which was in licensed Customs warehouse on the 31st December, 1930, shall be per 100 super. feet 12s. (British Preferential Tariff) 14s. (Intermediate Tariff) and 20s. (General Tariff).”			
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2. That the Schedule to the *Excise Tariff* 1921–1928 as proposed to be amended by the Excise Tariff Proposals be further amended as hereunder set out, and that on and after the Fourth day of December, One thousand nine hundred and thirty, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Territory for the Seat of Government, Duties of Excise be collected in pursuance of the Excise Tariff as so amended.

That in this Resolution “Excise Tariff Proposals” means the Excise Tariff Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the following dates, namely :—

- 19th June, 1930 ;
- 9th July, 1930 ; and
- 5th November, 1930.

3rd December, 1930.

EXCISE DUTIES.

Articles.	Rate of Duty.
6. By omitting the whole of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “ (A) *Tobacco, hand-made strand - - - - - per lb. * HAND-MADE TOBACCO.—“ Hand-made Tobacco ” shall mean tobacco in the manufacture of which all operations are entirely carried on by hand without the aid of machine tools or machinery other than that used in the pressing of the tobacco.”	2s. 1d.
By omitting the whole of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “ (B) Tobacco, manufactured, n.e.i., made in Australia, both from imported and locally-grown leaf - - - - - per lb.	2s. 4d.”
By adding a new item as follows :— “ 13. Concentrated Grape Must*— (A) For use in the manufacture of Wine, subject to Regulations— (1) Not exceeding fifteen degrees Beaumé† (2) Exceeding fifteen degrees Beaumé†—for each degree Beaumé† or part thereof exceeding fifteen degrees Beaumé† per gallon per gallon	Free 5d. 3d.
(B) N.E.I., subject to Regulations * “ Concentrated Grape Must ” includes any must or juice of grapes from which water has been extracted by evaporation, refrigeration or any other method. † “ Degrees Beaumé ” means the specific gravity expressed in degrees as indicated by the use of the Beaumé hydrometer.”	

Mr. Forde moved, That progress be reported and leave asked to sit again.

Question—put.

The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. McGrath, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 33.

Noes, 20.

Mr. Anstey
Mr. Beasley
Mr. Blakeley
Mr. Chifley
Mr. Crouch
Mr. Cunningham
Mr. Curtin
Mr. Cusack
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Tellers:

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Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Morgan
Mr. Nairn
Mr. Earle Page

Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Prowse
Mr. Stewart
Mr. Thompson
Mr. White

Tellers:

Mr. Josiah Francis
Mr. Hunter

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The House resumed ; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

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

10. NATIONAL DEBT SINKING FUND BILL (1930).—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. Crouch 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.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fenton (Acting Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eighteen minutes to 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. Bayley, Mr. Bell, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Malcolm Cameron, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Bernard Corser, Mr. Culley, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hughes, Mr. James, Mr. Killen, Mr. Lacey, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Mathews, Mr. Parker Moloney, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Scullin, and Mr. West.

E. W. PARKES,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.