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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 122.

THURSDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER, 1933.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. H. Mackay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PRINTING OF PAPER.—Mr. Perkins (Minister for the Interior) moved, That the following Paper, laid on the Table of the House on the 12th October last, be printed :
Railways Act Report on Commonwealth Railways Operations, for year ended 30th June, 1933.
Question put and passed.
3. PAPERS. The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Tariff Board—Report and Recommendation—Saws, n.c.i.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
Nauru Ordinances of 1933
No. 4—Appropriation (Supplemental) (Half-year ended 31st December, 1929).
No. 5—Nauru Royalty Trust Fund Appropriation (Supplemental) (Half-year ended 31st December, 1929).
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1933, No. 119.
Navigation Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1933, No. 115.
4. PRIVILEGE—NEWSPAPER MISREPRESENTATION OF MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion (*as amended, by leave*) of Mr. Ward :—That the Printer and Publishers of *The Sunday Sun* newspaper, having been adjudged guilty of contempt, they now be called to the Bar of this House forthwith in order that the House may demand from them an explanation of their conduct, and, if necessary, deal with them as it thinks fit—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Mackay, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 46.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Lane
Mr. Bell	Mr. John Lawson
Mr. Blacklow	Mr. Lyons
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Marr
Mr. Casey	Mr. McBride
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. McNicoll
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Dein	Mr. Nock
Mr. Dennis	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Price
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Proyse
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Stacey
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Frederick Stewart
Mr. Guy	Mr. Thompson
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Hawker	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Holman	Mr. White
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Hutchin	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Gardner
Mr. Jennings	Mr. Hunter

Noes, 18.

Mr. Baker	Mr. Martens
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Forde	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Ward
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. George Lawson	Mr. Gander
Mr. Makin	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. W. Maloney	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Wednesday, the 8th instant.

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5. CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL (1933)—SENATE'S REQUESTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendments requested by the Senate (*see pages 740-752*)—

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

(*In the Committee.*)

Requested Amendment No. 43—

Debate resumed on the motion of Mr. Guy (Assistant Minister), viz. :—That the Requested Amendment be made with the modification that paragraph (8) of sub-item (e) be re-numbered (5).

Ordered—That the Requested Amendment be divided.

Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the Requested Amendment up to and including paragraph (5) of sub-item (e) be made.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Forde moved, That paragraph (6) of sub-item (e) of the Requested Amendment be postponed.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 23.		Noes, 33.	
Mr. Baker	Mr. Makin	Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. McBride
Mr. Beasley	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. McNicoll
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Martens	Mr. Casey	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Dein	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Nock
Mr. Dennis	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Gabb	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. Gibson	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Forde	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Gregory	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Ward	Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Price
Mr. Holloway		Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Hughes		Mr. Guy	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Jennings	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Frederick Stewart
Mr. Lane	Mr. Gander	Mr. Hawker	Mr. Thompson
Mr. George Lawson	Mr. E. C. Riley	Mr. Holman	Mr. White
		Mr. Hutchin	
		Mr. Hutchinson	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Gardner
		Mr. Lyons	Mr. Hunter
		Mr. Marr	

And so it was negatived.

Mr. White moved, That the remainder of the Requested Amendment be made with the modification that paragraph (8) of sub-item (e) be re-numbered (5).

Question—put and passed.

Requested Amendment No. 44—

Mr. Guy moved, That the Requested Amendment be made with the modification that the fixed duty under the General Tariff in paragraph (7) be made 2s. 3d.

Question—put and passed.

Requested Amendment No. 45—

Mr. Guy moved, That the Requested Amendment be made with the modification that the General Tariff rate be made 42½ per cent.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Requested Amendments Nos. 46 and 47 made.

Postponed Requested Amendment No. 27—

Mr. Guy moved, That the Requested Amendment be made with the following modification :—

—	British Preferential Tariff.	General Tariff.
Instead of—		
“Saws n.e.i. - - - - - ad val.	15 per cent.	35 per cent.”
<i>Read—</i>		
“Saws, viz. :—		
(A) Inserted tooth circular saws - - - - - ad val.	Free	15 per cent.
(B) N.E.I. - - - - - ad val.	45 per cent.	65 per cent.”

Question—put and passed.

Resolutions to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Mr. White moved, That the Senate's Requested Amendments be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of Nos. 5 and 35.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

(*In the Committee.*)

On recommitment—

Requested Amendment No. 5—

Mr. Guy (for Mr. White) again moved, That the Requested Amendment be made.

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Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 26.		Noes, 16.	
Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Baker	Mr. Jennings
Mr. Blacklow	Mr. Nock	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Makin
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Martens
Mr. Dein	Mr. Parkhill	Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Guy	Mr. Price	Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Roland Green	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Frederick Stewart	Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Gander
Mr. Holman	Mr. Thorby	Mr. Hughes	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Hutchin	Mr. White		
Mr. Hutchinson			
Mr. Lane	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Gardner		
Mr. Marr	Mr. McNicoll		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Requested Amendment No. 35—

Mr. Guy again moved, That the Requested Amendment be made.

Point of Order.—Mr. Roland Green raised a Point of Order that the motion was not in order as a similar motion upon the same matter had already been decided by the Committee.

Chairman's Ruling.—The Chairman, Mr. Bell, ruled that the point raised applied to proceedings in the House only, and that Standing Order No. 172 allowed reconsideration of a matter negatived by the Committee provided that a recomittal intervened.

Debate on motion ensued.

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

The House resumed : Mr. Bell reported accordingly.

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

6. DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that Lord Apsley and Captain W. P. Crawford Greene, Members of the House of Commons, were within the precincts. The distinguished visitors thereupon, with the concurrence of honorable Members, were provided with seats on the floor of the House.

Suspension of Sitting.—At two minutes to ten o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Resumption of Sitting.—At eleven o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

7. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER No. 70.—Mr. Parkhill (Postmaster-General) moved, by leave, That Standing Order No. 70 (eleven o'clock rule) be suspended for this sitting.
Question—put and passed.

8. CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL (1933)—SENATE'S REQUESTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further reconsideration in Committee of the whole House of an Amendment requested by the Senate—

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

(In the Committee.)

On recomittal.

Requested Amendment No. 35—

Debate resumed on the motion of Mr. Guy (Assistant Minister), viz. :—That the Requested Amendment be made.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 24.		Noes, 19.	
Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Baker	Mr. Lane
Mr. Blacklow	Mr. Parkhill	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Makin
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Martens
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Perkins	Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Guy	Mr. Price	Mr. Dein	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Stacey	Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Frederick Stewart	Mr. Roland Green	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. White	Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Gander
Mr. Marr		Mr. Hughes	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. McNicoll	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Jennings	
Mr. Nairn	Mr. Gardner		
Mr. Nock	Mr. Hunter		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Requested Amendment accordingly made.

Resolutions to be further reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bell reported accordingly.

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On the motion of Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs), the House adopted the Reports. Ordered, after debate—That the Bill, amended accordingly, be returned to the Senate.

9. EXCISE TARIFF BILL (1933)—SENATE'S REQUESTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendments requested by the Senate—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendments requested by the Senate, which are as follows:—

SCHEDULE SHOWING REQUESTS MADE BY THE SENATE FOR AMENDMENTS IN THE EXCISE TARIFF 1933.

NOTE.—Black type denotes requested insertions or alterations.

Articles.	Duty passed by House of Representatives.	Alteration of Duty Requested by Senate.
<p>No.1.—Page 4— Item 2. * * * * *</p>		
<p>By omitting the whole of sub-item (e) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item:— “(E) Australian Blended Whisky, distilled partly from barley malt and partly from other grain, containing not less than 25 per cent. of pure barley malt spirit (which has been separately distilled by a pot-still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 45 per cent. over proof), the whole being matured by storage in wood for a period of not less than two years, and certified by an officer to be whisky so blended and matured - per proof gallon</p>	28s.	
<p>INSERT NEW PARAGRAPH— (2) Blended Whisky, n.e.i., distilled partly from barley malt and partly from other grain, containing not less than 25 per cent. of pure barley malt spirit (which has been separately distilled by a pot-still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 45 per cent. over proof), provided that the blended whisky contains not less than 15 per cent. of Australian pure barley malt spirit and contains not more than 20 per cent. of spirit upon which import duty has been paid, the whole being matured by storage in wood for a period of not less than two years, and certified by an officer to be whisky so blended and matured per proof gallon</p>	..	28s.
<p>And on and after 1st October, 1935</p>		
<p>(E) Australian Blended Whisky, distilled partly from barley malt and partly from other grain, containing not less than 25 per cent. of pure barley malt spirit (which has been separately distilled by a pot-still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 45 per cent. over proof), the whole being matured by storage in wood for a period of not less than three years, and certified by an officer to be whisky so blended and matured - per proof gallon</p>	28s.”	
<p>INSERT NEW PARAGRAPH— (2) Blended Whisky, n.e.i., distilled partly from barley malt and partly from other grain, containing not less than 25 per cent. of pure barley malt spirit (which has been separately distilled by a pot-still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 45 per cent. over proof), provided that the blended whisky contains not less than 15 per cent. of Australian pure barley malt spirit and contains not more than 20 per cent. of spirit upon which import duty has been paid, the whole being matured by storage in wood for a period of not less than three years, and certified by an officer to be whisky so blended and matured per proof gallon</p>	..	28s.
<p>No. 2.—Page 4— Item 2. * * * * *</p>		
<p>By omitting the whole of sub-item (j) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item:—</p>		
<p>“(j) (1) Spirit for fortifying Australian wine, distilled wholly from the fresh juice of Doradillo grapes, subject to Regulations - per proof gallon</p>	10s.	
<p>(2) Spirit for fortifying Australian wine, n.e.i., subject to Regulations per proof gallon</p>	11s.	
<p>And on and after 25th May, 1933</p>		
<p>(j) Spirit for fortifying Australian wine, subject to Regulations - per proof gallon</p>	9s.”	
<p>AMEND SUB-ITEM TO MAKE IT—</p>		
<p>(j) Spirit for fortifying Australian wine or used in fortifying Australian wine, subject to Regulations:—</p>		
<p>(1) Spirit used in fortifying wine prior to 13th March, 1930, and entered for home consumption on or after that date:—</p>		
<p>(a) Distilled wholly from the fresh juice of Doradillo grapes per proof gallon</p>	..	5s.
<p>(b) N.E.I. - - - - - per proof gallon</p>	..	6s.
<p>(2) Spirit used in fortifying wine on or after 13th March, 1930, and entered for home consumption prior to 25th May, 1933:—</p>		
<p>(a) Distilled wholly from the fresh juice of Doradillo grapes per proof gallon</p>	..	10s.
<p>(b) N.E.I. - - - - - per proof gallon</p>	..	11s.
<p>(3) Spirit for fortifying wine or used in fortifying wine on or after 13th March, 1930, and entered for home consumption on or after 25th May, 1933 - - - - - per proof gallon</p>	..	9s.
<p>The duties imposed by this sub-item apply to the spirit whether, at the time of entry for home consumption, it is mixed or not with wine. If the spirit is mixed with wine, the quantity for duty is the total quantity of spirit which has been added to the wine.</p>		

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Requested Amendment No. 1—

Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the Requested Amendment be made as on and from 5th October, 1933, with the modification that the duties be reduced to 26s.

Debate ensued.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Bell reported accordingly.

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

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Parkhill (Postmaster-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-five minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Anstey, Mr. E. F. Harrison, Mr. Hill, Mr. James, Mr. Latham, Mr. McClelland, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Scholfield, and Mr. Watkins.

E. W. PARKES,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.