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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 143.

WEDNESDAY, 2ND DECEMBER, 1936.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until eleven o'clock a.m. to-morrow.
Question—put and passed.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Department of Health—Summary of Activities.
Tariff Board—Report and Recommendation—Portland Cement from the United Kingdom—
Operation of Sections 4 and 7 of the Customs Tariff (Industries Preservation) Act.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
4. PRINTING COMMITTEE—FIFTH REPORT.—Mr. Jennings brought up the Fifth Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate).
The Report was read by the Clerk, as follows :—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have met in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, recommend that the following be printed :—

High Commissioner for Australia in London—Report for 1935.

Norfolk Island—Report for year 1935-36.

Northern Australia Survey Act—Aerial, Geological and Geophysical Survey of Northern Australia—Report of Committee for period ended 30th June, 1936.

JNO. T. JENNINGS.

Senate Committee Room,
2nd December, 1936.

Mr. Jennings moved, by leave, That the Report be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

5. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Industrial Board Ordinances—Regulations Amended.
6. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 126.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

“ Nationality Act 1936 ”

“ Federal Aid Roads Act 1936 ”

“ Trade Commissioners Act 1936 ”

“ Northern Territory Representation Act 1936 ”

“ Income Tax Act 1936 ”

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 Laws.

Government House,

Canberra, 1st December, 1936.

7. CUSTOMS BILL (1936).—Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend section one hundred and fifty-one A of the Customs Act 1901-1935 and to insert in that Act a new section one hundred and fifty-one B.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. White then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. White moved, by leave, That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.
Question—put and passed.

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8. WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADIAN PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (No. 4)].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

[See proposed Resolution for Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) Amendment of the 22nd May, 1936 (pages 626-7).]

Item *Ex* 291 agreed to.Item *Ex* 359, viz. :—

	Tariff on goods the produce or manufacture of Canada.
<i>Ex</i> 359. By omitting :—	
“ (4) Chassis, but not including Rubber Tyres and Tubes, Storage Batteries, Shock Absorbers excepting Steering Dampers, Bumper Bars, Sparking Plugs, Springs, Spring Hangers, Shackle Bolts Pins and Assemblies, U Bolts, King Pins, Tie Rod Pins, Tie Rod Ball Pins, Tie Rod Ball Studs and High Tension Ignition Coils—	
(a) Unassembled - - - - - ad val.	15 per cent.
(b) Assembled - - - - - ad val.	35 per cent.”
and inserting in its stead the following :—	
“ (4) Chassis, including lamps but not including Rubber Tyres and Tubes, Storage Batteries, Shock Absorbers (excepting Steering Dampers), Bumper Bars, Sparking Plugs and Springs—	
(a) Unassembled, viz. :—Car, and Car type capable of use for commercial vehicles - - - - - per lb.	2½d.
(b) Unassembled, viz. :—Truck Omnibus or other commercial vehicle - - - - - per lb.	2½d.
(c) Assembled - - - - - per lb.	4d.
and in respect of sub-paragraphs (a), (b) and (c)—	
An additional duty of - - - - - per lb.	.7d.
Provided that for the purposes of paragraphs (a) and (b) the classification shall be as determined by the Minister and the Minister's decision shall be final.”	

Mr. McEwen moved, That the Item be amended by adding the following :—

	Tariff on goods the produce or manufacture of Canada.
“ And on and after 3rd December, 1936	
(4) Chassis, but not including Rubber Tyres and Tubes, Storage Batteries, Shock Absorbers excepting Steering Dampers, Bumper Bars, Sparking Plugs, Springs, Spring Hangers, Shackle Bolts Pins and Assemblies, U Bolts, King Pins, Tie Rod Pins, Tie Rod Ball Pins, Tie Rod Ball Studs and High Tension Ignition Coils—	
(a) Unassembled - - - - - ad val.	15 per cent.
(b) Assembled - - - - - ad val.	35 per cent.
and in respect of sub-paragraphs (a) and (b)—	
An additional duty of - - - - - per lb.	.7d.
Provided that for the purposes of paragraphs (a) and (b) the classification shall be as determined by the Minister and the Minister's decision shall be final.”	

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 27.

Noes, 32.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Beasley	Mr. G. W. Mahoney
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Makin
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Martens
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Clark	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Frost	Mr. Ward
Mr. Garden	Mr. D. O. Watkins
Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. Roland Green	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Gander
Mr. Holloway	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. James	

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Nairn
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. Nock
Mr. Casey	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Thomas Collins	Sir Archdale Parkhill
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Perkins
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Price
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Holt	Mr. Street
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Hunter	Mr. White
Mr. Hutchinson	
Mr. Jennings	
Mr. Lane	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lyons	Mr. Gardner
Mr. McCall	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Menzies	

And so it was negatived.

Item agreed to.

Item *Ex* 291 reconsidered, by leave.

2nd December, 1936.

Item *Ex* 291, viz. :—

	Tariff on goods the produce or manufacture of Canada.
<i>Ex</i> 291. By omitting :—	
“(c) Logs, not sawn, viz. :—	
(1) For use in the manufacture of Plywood and Veneers, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws	5 per cent.
(2) Other	20 per cent.”
and inserting in its stead the following :—	
“(c) Logs, not sawn, viz. :—	
(1) For use in the manufacture of Plywood and Veneers, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws	5 per cent.
(2) Other—	
(a) Douglas Fir (<i>Pseudotsuga Douglasii</i>)	
per 100 super. feet (Breton measurement)	4s. 6d.
(b) N.E.I.	20 per cent.”
By omitting :—	
“(d) Spars in the rough	20 per cent.”
and inserting in its stead the following :—	
“(d) Spars in the rough—	
(1) Douglas Fir (<i>Pseudotsuga Douglasii</i>)	
per 100 super. feet (Breton measurement)	4s. 6d.
(2) Other	20 per cent.”

On the motion of Sir Henry Gullett (Minister directing negotiations for Trade Treaties), the following amendments were made :—

To sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (2) of sub-item (c), add the following :—

	Tariff on goods the produce or manufacture of Canada.
“(c) And on and after 3rd December, 1936	
(a) Douglas Fir (<i>Pseudotsuga Douglasii</i>); Hemlock (all species of <i>Tsuga</i>); Larch (all species of <i>Larix</i>); Spruce (all species of <i>Picea</i>) and White Fir (all species of <i>Abies</i>)	
per 100 super. feet (Breton measurement)	4s.”

To paragraph (1) of sub-item (d), add the following :—

	Tariff on goods the produce or manufacture of Canada.
“(d) And on and after 3rd December, 1936	
(1) Douglas Fir (<i>Pseudotsuga Douglasii</i>); Hemlock (all species of <i>Tsuga</i>); Larch (all species of <i>Larix</i>); Spruce (all species of <i>Picea</i>) and White Fir (all species of <i>Abies</i>)	
per 100 super. feet (Breton measurement)	4s.”

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Preliminary matter agreed to.

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

The House resumed; Mr. E. F. Harrison reported accordingly.

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

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Sir Henry Gullett, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir Henry Gullett and Mr. White do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

9. CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADIAN PREFERENCE) BILL (No. 2) (1936).—Sir Henry Gullett (Minister directing negotiations for Trade Treaties) then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1934’, as amended by the ‘Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1936’*”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Sir Henry Gullett 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, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. E. F. Harrison reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir Henry Gullett, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

10. CUSTOMS TARIFF (INDUSTRIES PRESERVATION) BILL (1936).—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.

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

2nd December, 1936.

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

(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. E. F. Harrison reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 3, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
12. STATES GRANTS (UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF) BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—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—

Mr. Makin moved, as an amendment, That the amount be reduced by £1.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amount proposed to be reduced be so reduced—put.

The Committee divided (The Temporary Chairman, Mr. E. F. Harrison, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 23.		Noes, 37.	
Mr. Barnard	Mr. G. W. Mahoney	Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Makin	Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Martens	Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Casey	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Clark	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Nock
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ward	Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Sir Archdale Parkhill
Mr. Frost	Mr. D. O. Watkins	Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Garden		Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Price
Mr. Albert Green		Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. James	Mr. Gander	Mr. Hawker	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. George Lawson	Mr. Holt	Mr. Street
		Mr. Hughes	Mr. Thorby
		Mr. Hunter	Mr. White
		Mr. Hutchinson	
		Mr. Jennings	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Lane	Mr. Gardner
		Mr. Lyons	Mr. Thompson
		Mr. McCall	

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 3—

Mr. James moved, as an amendment, That the following sub-clause be added to the clause:—

“(3.) Any amounts granted to a State shall be granted upon condition that any moneys paid by such State to any person shall not be calculated as part of the income of such person for the purposes of any legislation of the State.”

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 23.		Noes, 36.	
Mr. Barnard	Mr. G. W. Mahoney	Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Lyons
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Makin	Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Martens	Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Casey	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Clark	Mr. Rosevear	Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Nock
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ward	Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Frost	Mr. D. O. Watkins	Mr. Josiah Francis	Sir Archdale Parkhill
Mr. Garden		Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Albert Green		Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Price
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. James	Mr. Gander	Mr. E. J. Harrison	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. George Lawson	Mr. Hawker	Mr. Street
		Mr. Holt	Mr. Thorby
		Mr. Hughes	Mr. White
		Mr. Hunter	
		Mr. Hutchinson	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Jennings	Mr. Gardner
		Mr. Lane	Mr. Thompson

And so it was negatived.

2nd December, 1936.

Clause agreed to.
 Preamble agreed to.
 Title agreed to.
 Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.
 On the motion of Mr. Casey (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 752) the Bill was read a third time.

13. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 2) (1936).—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.
 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.)

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.
 Clause 4 debated and agreed to.
 Clauses 5 to 13 agreed to.
 Clause 14—
 On the motion of Mr. Casey (Treasurer), the following amendment was made :—
 Page 4, line 12, after “improvements” insert “, not subject to tenant rights,”.
 Clause, as amended, debated and agreed to.
 Clauses 15 to 19 agreed to.
 Title agreed to.
 Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.
 On the motion of Mr. Casey (Treasurer), by leave, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

14. SALES TAX AMENDMENT BILL.—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.
 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.)

Clauses 1 to 8 agreed to.
 Clause 9—
 On the motion of Mr. Casey (Treasurer), the following amendments were made :—
 Page 6, line 9, after “if” insert “the taxpayer establishes to the satisfaction of the Commissioner that”.
 Page 6, line 11, after “sale” add “or for supply to some other person in the circumstances specified in sub-section (4.) of section three of this Act”.
 Clause, as amended, agreed to.
 Clause 10 agreed to.
 Clause 11 debated and agreed to.
 Clauses 12 to 16 agreed to.
 Clause 17 debated and agreed to.
 Clauses 18 to 59 agreed to.
 Clause 60—
 On the motion of Mr. Casey, the following amendment was made, after debate :—
 Page 22, after line 26 insert the following :—
 “(3.) Nothing in this section shall affect any judicial proceedings instituted and pending on or before the nineteenth day of November, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-six, and any proceedings so instituted and pending may be heard and determined as if this section had not been enacted.”
 Clause, as amended, agreed to.
 Clause 61 agreed to.
 The Schedule agreed to.
 Title agreed to.
 Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.
 On the motion of Mr. Casey, by leave, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

2nd December, 1936.

15. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

[*Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Bill* (1936)]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 167.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for " *An Act to amend sections forty-five F, forty-five L, forty-five AC, forty-five AD, forty-five AE and forty-five AG of the ' Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act 1920-1935 ' , to repeal sections forty-five AF, forty-five AN and forty-five AO of that Act and to enact other sections in lieu thereof, and to insert in that Act a new section forty-five AGA* ", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 2nd December, 1936.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

[*Public Service Bill* [No. 2] (1936)]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 168.

The Senate has agreed to the Amendments made by the House of Representatives in the Bill for " *An Act to amend the ' Commonwealth Public Service Act 1922-1934 ' "*

The Senate,
Canberra, 2nd December, 1936.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

[*Constitution Alteration (Aviation) Bill*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 169.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for " *An Act to alter the Constitution with respect to Air Navigation and Aircraft* ", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 2nd December, 1936.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

[*Constitution Alteration (Marketing) Bill*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 170.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for " *An Act to alter the Constitution with respect to marketing* ", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 2nd December, 1936.

P. J. LYNCH,
President.

16. TRADE AGREEMENT (FRANCE) BILL.—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.

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.*)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

The Schedule agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir Henry Gullett (Minister directing negotiations for Trade Treaties), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

17. COINAGE BILL (1936).—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.

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, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Casey (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

18. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 8 to 11 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 12, Government Business.

19. FINANCIAL RELIEF BILL (NO. 3) (1936).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.

2nd December, 1936.

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, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

20. WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 8)].—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

[See proposed Resolution for Customs Tariff Amendment of the 27th November, 1936 (pages 763-9)]. The motion previously moved by Sir Henry Gullett (Minister directing negotiations for Trade Treaties) was agreed to.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Sir Henry Gullett, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir Henry Gullett and Mr. Thomas Paterson do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

21. CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL (No. 4) (1936).—Sir Henry Gullett (Minister directing negotiations for Trade Treaties) then 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.

Sir Henry Gullett 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, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. E. F. Harrison reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir Henry Gullett, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

22. WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS TARIFF (EXCHANGE ADJUSTMENT) AMENDMENT (No. 8)].—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

[See proposed Resolution for Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Amendment of the 27th November, 1936 (page 770)].

The motion previously moved by Sir Henry Gullett (Minister directing negotiations for Trade Treaties) was agreed to.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. E. F. Harrison reported accordingly.

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

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Sir Henry Gullett, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir Henry Gullett and Mr. White do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

23. CUSTOMS TARIFF (EXCHANGE ADJUSTMENT) BILL (No. 4) (1936).—Sir Henry Gullett (Minister directing negotiations for Trade Treaties) then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Act 1933-1934 ’, as amended by the ‘ Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Act 1936 ’, by the ‘ Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Act (No. 2) 1936 ’, and by the ‘ Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Act (No. 3) 1936 ’* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Sir Henry Gullett moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

2nd December, 1936.

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, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. E. F. Harrison reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir Henry Gullett, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

24. COMMONWEALTH RAILWAYS BILL (No. 2) (1936).—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.

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.)

Clauses 1 to 8 agreed to.

Clause 9—

Mr. Drakeford moved, as an amendment, That the words “(proof whereof shall be upon him)” (page 2, lines 40 and 41) be omitted.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

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

Ayes, 34.

Noes, 20.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. McCall
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McClelland
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Casey	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Nock
Mr. Bernard Corser	Sir Archdale Parkhill
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Price
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Prowse
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Street
Mr. Holt	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Hunter	Mr. White
Mr. Hutchinson	
Mr. Jennings	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lane	Mr. Gardner
Mr. Lyons	Mr. Thompson

Mr. Barnard	Mr. James
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Martens
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Clark	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Ward
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. D. O. Watkins
Mr. Frost	
Mr. Garden	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Gander
Mr. Holloway	Mr. George Lawson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 10 debated and agreed to.

Clause 11 debated and agreed to.

Clause 12 debated and agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Nairn reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Thomas Paterson (Minister for the Interior), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

25. STATUTE OF WESTMINSTER ADOPTION BILL.—Mr. Menzies (Attorney-General), pursuant to leave given on the 24th November, brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to provide for the adoption of sections two, three, four, five and six of the Statute of Westminster, 1931, and for other purposes*”, 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.

26. ACTS INTERPRETATION BILL (1936).—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.

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.)

Clauses 1 to 5 agreed to.

Clause 6—

On the motion of Mr. Menzies (Attorney-General), the following amendments were made :—

Line 11, omit “or is”.

Lines 14 and 15, omit “, or shall come into operation.”.

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Line 15, omit " or receives;".

Line 17, after " Act " insert " (other than an Act to alter the Constitution) ".

At the end of the clause add the following sub-section :—

" (1B.) Every Act to alter the Constitution to which the Royal assent is given by the Governor-General for and on behalf of the King on or after the first day of January, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven shall come into operation on the day on which that Act received the Royal assent, unless the contrary intention appears in that Act."

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 7 to 12 agreed to.

Clause 13—

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

Omit proposed new section 48.

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

At the end of proposed new section 49 add the following new sub-section :—

" (6.) If within fifteen sitting days after the day on which notice of a disallowing resolution has been given in either House of the Parliament in accordance with sub-section (4.) of this section, such resolution has not been withdrawn or otherwise, with or without amendment, disposed of, the regulation named in such resolution shall cease to have effect in all respects as if it had been disallowed."

Clause, as amended, debated and agreed to.

Clause 14 agreed to.

The Schedule agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

27. **BILLS OF EXCHANGE BILL (1936).**—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.

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, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Menzies (Attorney-General), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

28. **TRADE MARKS BILL (1935).**—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.

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, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Menzies (Attorney-General), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

29. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 13 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 14, Government Business.

30. **PETROLEUM OIL SEARCH BILL (No. 2) (1936).**—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Thomas Paterson (Minister for the Interior) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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Debate continued.

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, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Thomas Paterson, the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 772) the Bill was read a third time.

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31. WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS TARIFF (PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA PREFERENCE)].—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

[See proposed Resolution for Customs Tariff (Papua and New Guinea Preference) of the 28th November, 1935 (page 460)].

The motion previously moved by Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) was further considered. Mr. White moved, That the following new preliminary paragraph be inserted after preliminary paragraph (2)—

2A. That goods (not being goods the produce or manufacture of the Territory of Papua or the Territory of New Guinea) imported into Australia on or after the first day of January, 1936, from either of those territories, which, if they had been imported into Australia direct from the country of origin would have been entitled to be entered under the British Preferential Tariff, shall be subject to Duties of Customs at the rates in force under the British Preferential Tariff.

Question—put and passed.

Motion, as amended, agreed to.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

Mr. White 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.

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

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

32. CUSTOMS TARIFF (PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA PREFERENCE) BILL (1936).—Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) then brought up a Bill intitled "A Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Customs on goods imported into Australia from the Territory of Papua or the Territory of New Guinea", and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. White 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, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

33. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA BOUNTIES BILL (1936).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker:—

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 127.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purpose of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Papua and New Guinea Bounties Act 1926*.

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Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

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

(In the Committee.)

Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purpose of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Papua and New Guinea Bounties Act 1926*.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

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Question—put and passed:

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

Ordered—That Mr. White and Mr. Thomas Paterson do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. White then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. White 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, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

34. CUSTOMS BILL (1936).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) 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, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

35. COLONIAL LIGHT DUES COLLECTION BILL (1936).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Thorby (Assistant Minister for Commerce) 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, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

36. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE BILL (1936).—Mr. Thomas Paterson (Minister for the Interior) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913–1921* and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Thomas Paterson then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Thomas Paterson 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.

(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

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37. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Attorney-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-two minutes to two o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Baker, Mr. Fisker, Mr. Forde, Mr. John Lawson, Mr. W. Maloney, Sir Charles Marr, Mr. McBride, and Mr. Stacey.

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